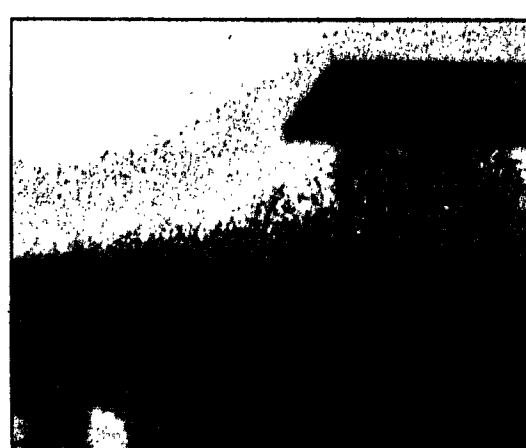




The Krewe of Real People

The members of KORP celebrate their 20th anniversary in style. Info on page 6A.

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Lutheran church sets open house

The Lutheran Church of the Pines, 309 Hwy. 90, Waveland, will be hosting an Open House Sunday, March 4, from noon to 2 p.m.

The Open House is part of the church's Rededication Celebration, said Terry Guenard, secretary.

Guenard added, "We especially invite those who have worshiped with us in the past and those who attended our Day Care Center in the past, including Day Care workers and children." Refreshments will be served.

Shelter to close for Mardi Gras

The Waveland Animal Shelter will be closed Monday and Tuesday, and will re-open on Wednesday.

Volunteers are need for cleanup

Volunteers are still needed for the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce Beautification Committee's Spring Cleanup on Saturday, March 3, 8 a.m. to noon. Call 467-9048 for information.

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Bay-Wave Head Start Parade.

Mardi Gras Invasion!



This youngster was feeling alienated Friday at the St. Paul Catholic Elementary School Mardi Gras Parade at Pass Christian. See page 10A for more photos of all the kids' parades. Look for the St. Paul Carnival Association Parade in Pass Christian beginning today at 1 p.m.; and the Krewe of Real People Parade in Bay St. Louis at 1 p.m. Tuesday.

Waveland alderman pour on a little 'pier' pressure

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

Why hasn't construction begun on the new phase of the Garfield Ladner Memorial Pier in Waveland? That was a question that City Attorney Ronnie Artigues asked representatives of Compton Engineering at the Alderman's meeting on

Wednesday. This phase of the pier extension was scheduled to be finished on April 17 but the contractors who won the bid, Beacon Contractors, have not even begun the work. Geoffrey Clemmons of Compton Engineering is acting as project engineer.

The April 17th date reflected a deadline on a permit issued by DMR to the city. A new permit has since

been issued by DMR, extending that deadline. Beacon has requested a 90-day extension on the finishing date.

Artigues said that he did not understand why the contractor was asking for the extension, since the work had not even begun. "None of the scope of the job has

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No new trial for Garcia

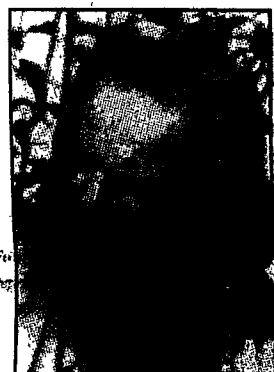
Terry denies motion; Fritz goes to Parchman

BY GEOFF BELCHER
News Editor

Circuit Judge Jerry O. Terry on Thursday denied defense motions for a new trial for convicted murderer Fritz James Garcia.

Garcia was found guilty in the March 1997 stabbing death of Hancock County resident Ruth K. Tuller on Feb. 15.

Terry had moved the trial to Brandon, the Rankin County seat just east of Jackson, after a December mistrial in the case in Hancock Circuit Court. He cited extensive media coverage in the case of Garcia's brutal acts and of an



Convicted murderer
Fritz James Garcia

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Hancock voters signing up for state flag issue

BY ED LEFOMA
Staff Writer

Voter registration is steady in Hancock County in anticipation of a statewide vote on the flag referendum scheduled for Tuesday, April 17.

Circuit Court Clerk and Voter Registrar Pam Metzler said Friday, "Registration has picked up in the last 30 days." She said those registering to vote run the gamut from young adults to

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Two Bay St. Louis fire trucks were dispatched to Carole and Mary's Old Towne Restaurant at 119 Main Street about 2 p.m. Thursday. Co-owner Mary Woodson said the staff was cleaning up after the lunch crowd, and she heard a pop and smelled a strong sulfur odor coming from the ceiling on the north side of the building. Firemen checked out the attic, but found no smoking electrical wires and no fire in the attic.

Echo staff photo
by Ed Lepoma

Pass board refuses to change zoning power

Palace still under siege, losing \$\$\$

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

The Pass Christian Board of Aldermen has refused to consider changing the autonomous rule of its Zoning Board of Adjustment.

At Tuesday night's meeting, Ward 2 Alderman Margaret Jean Kalif could not get another vote on her motion "to amend the zoning ordinance to give citizens another avenue if a (zoning) decision goes against them." She said the Board of Aldermen ought to have the power to overturn decisions made by the Zoning Board.

Although a recent decision by the Zoning Board went against the Palace in the Pass, Kalif said that was not her only motivating factor. She pointed out she asked the board more than a year ago to think about the way the Zoning Board operates.

"We're the only city on the coast having a zoning ordinance structured as it is," said Kalif.

The motion did not sit well with Ward 1 Alderman Jeff Emerson, who said Aldermen "ought to stay out of it." He said an autonomous Zoning Board was created "to keep it as apolitical as possible."

"I'm definitely not in favor of having (the power) to overrule the Board," Emerson said.

Ward 3 Alderman Michael Antoine said he remained supportive of the Palace in the Pass, but he thought some safeguards might be put in place before the city gives someone a permit to proceed with any building or renovation plans.

In a previous meeting when the Palace situation was discussed, Antoine asked city attorney Malcolm Jones to see what powers Aldermen had to dismiss members of the Zoning Board, but he did not mention that Tuesday night.

Ward 4 Alderman Don Moore, himself an attorney, repeated a statement made previously. "The most expedient resolution is to get this thing to court," said Moore. "It's just one more stop. It's better suited to be heard in front of a judge."

The Zoning Board of Adjustment recently ruled the Palace in the Pass was in violation of the city's zoning laws because it was operating a reception hall on East Scenic Drive in an area zoned residential.

Owners P.J. Hughes and her son, Randy Tuggle spent thousands renovating the former VFW Hall after getting two former rulings that the non-conforming use which allowed the VFW to host parties, run a bar, and have other public activities there transferred with the new ownership.

The owners of the Palace have hired Long Beach attorney Frank McCreary III to file suit in Harrison County Circuit Court seeking to overturn the Zoning Board of Adjustment's decision. In the meantime, they are allowed to operate the business until the case is resolved. However, Hughes said she is losing bookings because of the uncertainty surrounding the Palace's future.

Special Welcome



Echo staff photo by Ellis C. Cuevas
Visitors at the Hancock County Welcome Center received a special 'Mardi Gras Welcome' from members of the Hancock County Retired Senior Volunteers (RSVP) on Friday. Some 40 members from RSVP assisted the local Welcome Center staff by giving visitors Mardi Gras beads and favors.



A Second Liner
Dot Feeney, a Hancock County Retired Senior Volunteer, was doing a second line New Orleans style at the Hancock County Welcome Center on Friday to celebrate Mardi Gras Day.

Echo staff photo by Ellis C. Cuevas.

After a year's wait, Rapp gets nod to be member of Port panel

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

It took almost a year, but Hancock County's Port and Harbor Commission has a new member.

In a recessed meeting Friday, realtor Chari McIntyre Rapp was sworn in as Waveland's representative on the seven-member Commission. Commission attorney Robert Genin administered the oath.

Waveland's Mayor Tommy Long nominated Rapp early last March to replace Commissioner Louis Brown, who had served on the Commission since 1992. The appointment needed approval by Gov. Ronnie Musgrove, and that's where the hang-up came about.

Musgrove, who took over as Governor in January of 2000 after a tumultuous election, had thousands of appointments to various boards and commissions, and the screening process takes time, his aides said.

In the meantime, Rapp began attending official meetings of the Port and Harbor Commission, sitting on the sidelines with the media because she was unable to vote until her appointment was confirmed.

Rapp will be the only female on the commission. She is the wife of Howard J. Rapp Jr., and the mother of Charanda and Howard, III.

Rapp is the owner/broker of Century 21 McIntyre-Rapp located in Waveland. She has been a licensed real estate broker since 1986.

Her extensive real estate training includes completion of Century 21's "21 Plus" at Century 21's Training Academy in Birmingham, Ala., and more recently, a year-long course, "Century 21's Operation Orbit," also in Birmingham.

She has served in the past as President, vice-president and secretary of Century 21's Mississippi Gulf Coast Brokers Council.

Rapp is known for putting together several commercial real estate developments, which have increased the tax base of the local area. Several of her developments include the Delchamps Shopping Center in Long Beach, the management and renovation of MarkeTown Shopping Center in Bay St. Louis, and the Sav-A-Center, Kentucky Fried Chicken and Taco Bell operations in Waveland. She presently leases and manages Our Shopping Center, also located in Waveland.

Rapp is a member of the Word of Faith Christian Fellowship. She is a member of the advisory committee for the Mississippi Gulf Coast Youth for Christ.

In other business, the commission learned Compton Engineering will work in association with a testing firm it selects to conduct another round of tests in Little Lake.

The Commission has been stymied for more than 20 months in efforts to dredge a one-mile portion of the vital

shipping channel, which goes through St. Tammany Parish, but concerns were raised the dredging might stir up mercury levels.

However, tests by two Louisiana independent environmental testing firms showed the levels of mercury in the area are not above acceptable levels.

The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality has ordered the Commission to test mercury levels in four other areas, and testing is expected to get underway shortly, according to Jerry Hemphill, the commission's operations manager.

Commissioner Harry Favre passed a motion requesting two samples to be taken in the new areas to be tested. One set would go to the testing lab. The other samples would be the property of the Port and Harbor Commission.

The LDEQ is holding up a Water Quality permit needed before dredging can begin.

P&H Executive director Hal Walters also presented Commissioners with a copy of a check for \$900,000 from BP Amoco, the primary supplier to the Wellman PET resin plant at the Port Bienville Industrial Park.

The donation from BP Amoco will be used to upgrade rail tracks within the park in order to accommodate larger rail cars required by BP Amoco.

Walters and Commissioners thanked Greg Deakle, the Port's railroad manager, for the role he played in leading negotiations with BP Amoco.

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The deadline for qualifying as a Democratic candidate, Republican candidate, and Independent candidate is Friday, March 2, 2001 at 5:00 p.m.

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changed," said Artigues. "A contractor should have had an idea of what was involved and should have not bid on the job if it did not seem realistic ... Beacon has been around and if they bid on the job and agreed to the specs and completion date, then what has changed?"

Artigues said there would have to be some justification for the contractor to ask for the extension or for the city to consider an extension. Artigues said he could not recommend that the city grant the 90 day extension unless aldermen were acting on the recommendation of the project engineer, Clemmons. Bill Johnson of Compton Engineering said that Clemmons, as project engineer, said that the time frame was not realistic. Artigues said that a written recommendation from Clemmons would be needed, stating that the extension of the completion date was his idea. Apparently Clemmons had written a letter stating this dated Feb. 21. Johnson said that he hoped for the work to be completed even sooner than the 90-day extension allowed.

Ward 2 Alderman Rickey Geoffrey made the motion to allow the 90-day extension, Ward 4 Alderman Charles Piazza seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

In other business: Ward 3 Alderman Louie Smolensky introduced a discussion about the problem that the city is having with builders who fill ditches with dirt and leave it for the city to clean up. Smolensky asked that laws prohibiting this practice be enforced in a more aggressive way. "I just want the city to let builders know that if they are going to be in our neighborhoods, then they should be good neighbors," said Smolensky. Mayor Tommy Longo thanked city employees for their help in making Sunday's parade a success.

Gone to the Dogs!



Every year, St. Stanislaus English instructor Lea Holmes, organizes her 7th and 8th grade classes in a project that she hopes will teach them a little about giving something back to the world. On Tuesday, thirteen boys from those classes delivered a bus load of food, litter and supplies to the Waveland Animal Shelter and stayed a while to enjoy the animals. The boys are pictured here with shelter Director Valerie Viescas and Holmes.

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Garcia -- no new trial

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incident involving lost evidence in the case as reason for moving the trial.

"Garcia never denied killing the woman," Assistant District Attorney Chris Schmidt, who prosecuted the case along with Assistant D.A. Larry Bourgeois, said from his Hancock County office the day after the trial. "He just said he was crazy at the time."

Although the fact that Garcia committed the crime was never in doubt, Schmidt said, jurors had to determine whether he was legally insane

at the time of the murder.

The matter was apparently academic. After less than three days of trial - during which jurors heard from several witnesses for the prosecution and few for the defense - they deliberated only two hours before returning the guilty verdict.

Garcia's defense attorney Tom Berry had filed the motion for a new trial in Hancock Circuit Court last week, a standard procedure after a guilty verdict, but Terry ruled there was no reason to grant the motion.

Later on Thursday, Mississippi Department of Corrections officials transferred Garcia to Parchman state prison, where he began serving a mandatory life sentence.

Garcia will serve life without parole, Schmidt said, because he has been declared a habitual offender. Garcia had completed a nine-year term in Parchman for rape just before beginning an initially-friendly relationship with Tuller.

Flag -- voters ready

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senior citizens. Metzler said all 28 voting precincts will be open in Hancock County, with voting hours scheduled from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on April 17. Unlike Harrison County, Metzler said schools, which also serve as voting precincts, will remain open during election day.

She estimates the special election will cost the county

about \$15,000, but she said funds for special elections were already included in her budget for this fiscal year.

Hancock residents have until March 16 to register for the special election. The voter registration office at the county Courthouse in downtown Bay St. Louis will also be open from 8 a.m. until noon on two

Saturdays, April 7 and April 14, as a convenience to those wanting to register or vote absentee.

Those voting absentee have until noon Saturday, April 14 to cast their ballot, Metzler said.

She predicted "a very good turnout," for the April 17 election, "Not as big as the November vote, but very good," she said.

Weighty issues at Our Lady of the Gulf

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

For the most part, we live our lives, day in day out in our normal, comfortable routines. But every now and then, either for us, or someone we know, something happens that forces us to question that safe, comfortable routine and ask where our lives are.

The conversion of our lives was the subject of the talk given by guest speaker and founder of the Alabama based Caritas Community, Terry Colafrancesco, at Our Lady of the Gulf Church last week, to a standing-room-only audience. Colafrancesco, and the Caritas Community make yearly pilgrimages to Medjugorje, Yugoslavia, where for 20 years, six visionaries have received daily messages from apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The 12-year-old community has made a commitment to keep a record of these daily

messages and has published one book, Words of Heaven, containing them. The group generally spends the months of March through November in Medjugorje and has recently opened a mission house there. Their philosophy is one of living as one heart and one mind in a simple lifestyle dedicated to the Blessed Mother, to be a light in the darkness of the world.

Colafrancesco emphasized that we live in a time unlike any in the history of the world, that the messages of the Blessed Mother are unprecedented in history.

"The Blessed Mother has told us that we are living in a time of grace, but it will not last forever, and now is the time to make our choices ... every time the Blessed Mother appears she blesses every person on earth and offers us a chance to make these choices," said Colafrancesco.

"The Blessed Mother is gathering an army to participate in

the salvation of the world," Colafrancesco said. "Many people have heard the call and many more who have heard, don't yet know it ... many more don't yet know where they fit into the plan, their purpose, their calling ... surrender to prayer to comprehend what God's plan is in your regard."

"There is something very serious going on in the world," said Colafrancesco. "A struggle for souls ... the middle ground is disappearing, and it is time to decide which way you will go ... to the call, or away from it, we can't be on the fence anymore."

She said that we are being prepared for a purpose that we may not yet comprehend, that we live in a time of great hope, but that our society has become disconnected from God. "The Blessed Mother wants to connect you to God and that may mean that you will have to disconnect from certain things and live a new life," said Colafrancesco.

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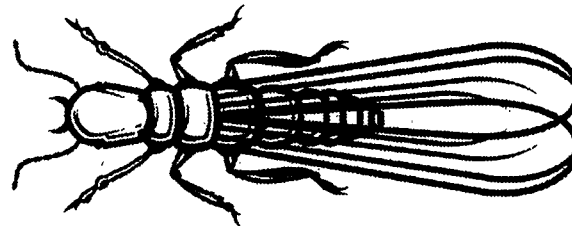
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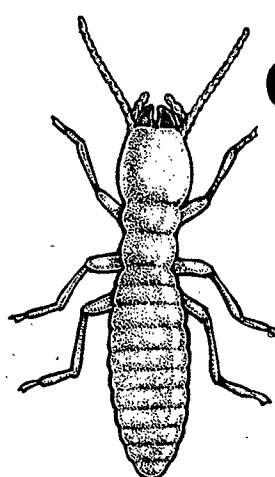
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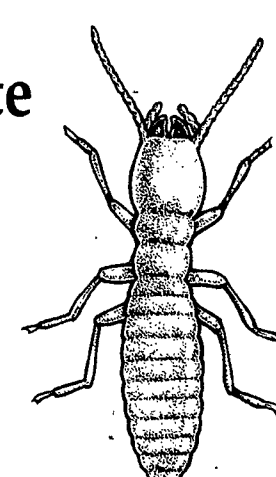
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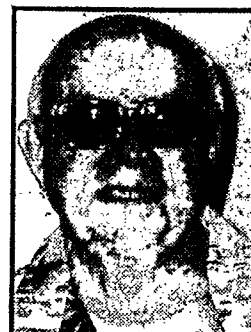
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Beware of one-eyed vehicles on the road

I still keep being asked by folks in the community when I am going to get on the topic of 'one-eyed' vehicles on our highways and roadways.

Apparently the 'one-eyed' vehicle dilemma is an ongoing problem not only in Hancock County, but across the country.

It just seems we have more than our share of the 'one-eyed' vehicles.

All one has to do is drive a few miles at night in our cities or county and in all probability one will see a 'one-eyed' vehicle.

While on the subject of vehicle safety, since we appear to be in the fog season, I have noticed a large percentage of motorists traveling without lights.

Fog has been thick on several occasions, and driving without lights under those conditions can be dangerous.

I am one of those folks who drive with lights day and night, and I have a feeling this may become a law in years to come.

I am told that traveling with lights in daylight hours helps on-coming motorists.

Anyway, I urge all motorists to check their headlights and tail lights and use their lights during foggy conditions.

Fog is a price we have to pay for living on the edge of water.

It has been years in coming and looks like it will become a reality at last, and that is a traffic signal at the intersection of Highway 90 and Drinkwater in Bay St. Louis.

Appeals have been made to the Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) for years for a signal light by locally elected officials, the hospital, and elected state officials.

In order to get a signal at Drinkwater, Bay St. Louis had to come up with a total of \$27,000 for right-of-way purchase on the other end of Drinkwater/Green Meadow at Blue Meadow. The new right-of-way will create a standard intersection at Blue Meadow

which is across from Bay High School.

There are a lot of folks who need to be complimented for their efforts in getting MDOT to come up with the \$184,000 for the new signal. MDOT's contention has been there is not enough traffic at the intersection of Highway 90 and Drinkwater for a signal light.

We will be awaiting the installation of the signal at Drinkwater Boulevard. I know the folks going to and working at Hancock Medical Center, as well as any others using that intersection should be very happy.

It just shows that working together and persistence does pay off.

There are just a few days left of the 2001 Mardi Gras season.

Today marks the big annual St. Paul's Pass Christian parade which begins at 1 p.m.

The annual St. Paul's parade is one of the popular parades and usually draws spectators by the thousands for the 100 or so floats.

The parade this afternoon has a long parade route which begins on Davis Avenue to Scenic Drive, Scenic onto Highway 90, Highway 90 to Henderson, Henderson to Second Street, Second to St. Paul's where it disbands.

Tuesday is Fat Tuesday and the day for the annual Krewe of Real People in Bay St. Louis. The Real People parade begins at 1 p.m. and has a long route through the city and draws lots of spectators.

The Tuesday parade forms on Bookter Street, Bookter to Necaise Avenue, Necaise to Main Street, Main to Beach Boulevard, Beach to Union Street, Union to Railroad (Blaize) to Sycamore Street, Sycamore to Old Spanish Trail, OST to Bookter to disband.

Royalty for the Krewe of Real

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Preparing Mississippi for FY 2002 and beyond

States across the nation are experiencing a slowdown in their economy. For the first time in a decade, states around the South and the Midwest are cutting their state budgets. The slowing economy has reduced state tax revenues, causing states to cut their budgets.



by Mississippi Gov. Ronnie Musgrove

North Carolina, with an estimated shortfall of \$500 million in tax revenue, has also been hard-hit.

Governor Siegelman of Alabama was forced to cut his education budget by more than 6%, after revenues fell \$266 million short.

Tennessee, where sales tax accounts for 57% of all revenues, is now facing a deficit of

\$130 million after sales tax collections were down \$27.4 million in December.

By Mississippi state law, the Governor is required to reduce state budgets if the state does not reach 98% of the projected revenue growth estimate.

Mississippi has not met this 99% requirement in 2001, so we had to make budget reductions to make up for the lack of taxes collected.

Mississippi is experiencing a slowdown in our economy, but our state is not broke. Even with our slowing economy, we must have strong schools and good jobs for our people.

There is no excuse for failing to make education and econom-

ic development our top priorities. Mississippi's leaders are reevaluating our state budget recommendations for the upcoming fiscal year.

By keeping our people's priorities in check, we must structure a balanced state budget that will meet the needs of our people.

As Governor, it is my responsibility to keep the state budget balanced, whether we are in a good or a bad economy. Mississippi must be fiscally responsible in making budget growth estimates, and we will make changes to our budget proposal that reflect the slowdown in the economy.

Reducing our state budget is a difficult task that we must face head on with the priorities of our people leading our decisions. We must be realistic. We must be fiscally responsible and prioritize our state budget.

We must set a conservative

rate of growth from which to spend and then stay within our set budget. Last year's estimate of 8.25% was way off the mark.

Making recommendations for future spending must be based on priorities. We must think long-term, considering how this year's state budget will affect future state budgets.

We must not over estimate our growth, and we must keep our spending in line with our conservative rate of growth.

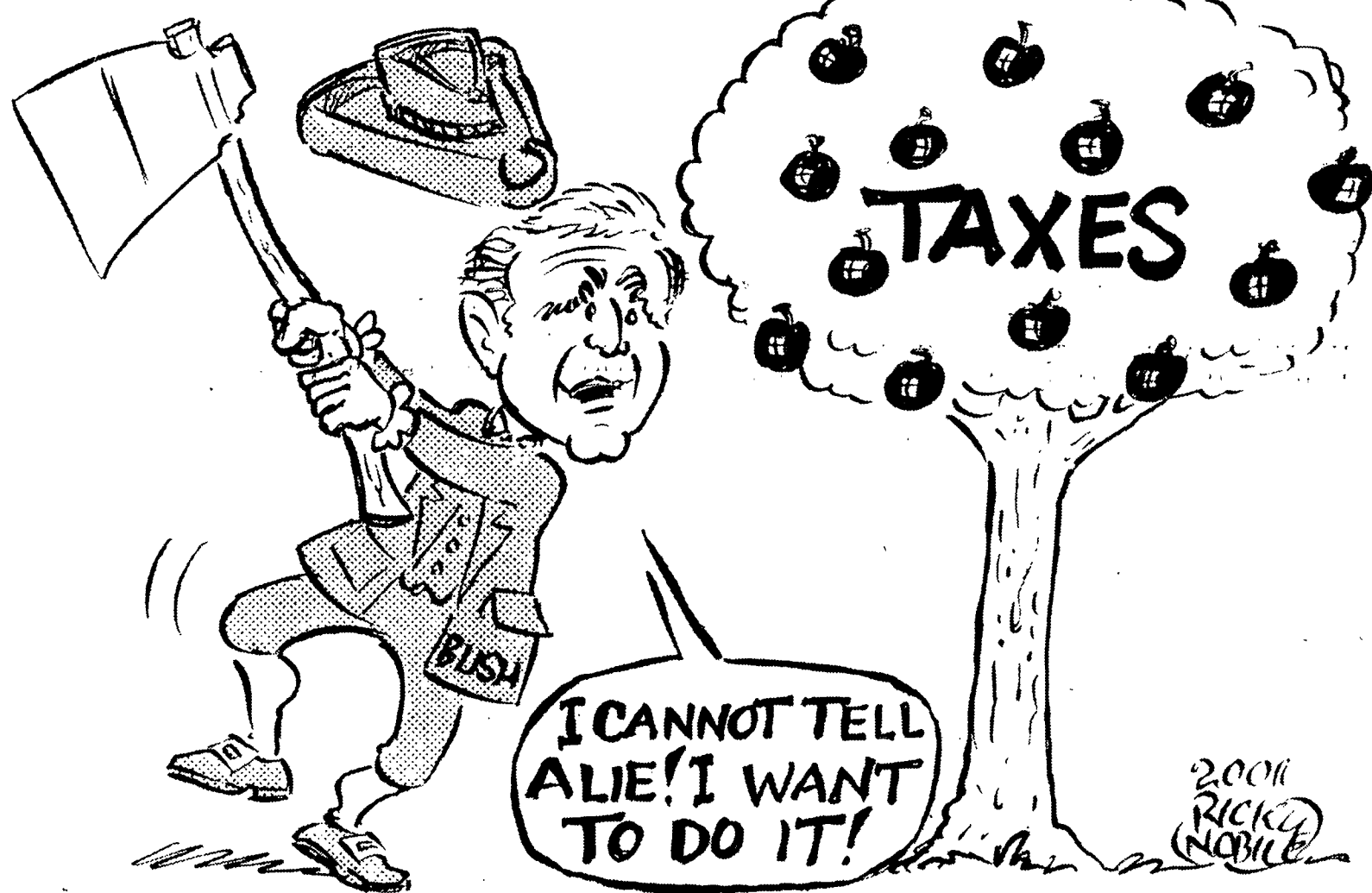
Financial experts have projected a 3.9% growth rate for Fiscal Year 2001 and a 3.7% growth rate for Mississippi for Fiscal Year 2002.

The actual rate of growth for Fiscal Year 2001 is closer to 1%. We believe the projected rate of growth for Fiscal Year 2002 is optimistic.

We must consider a more conservative estimate, so that we

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GEORGE W. AND THE CHERRY TREE



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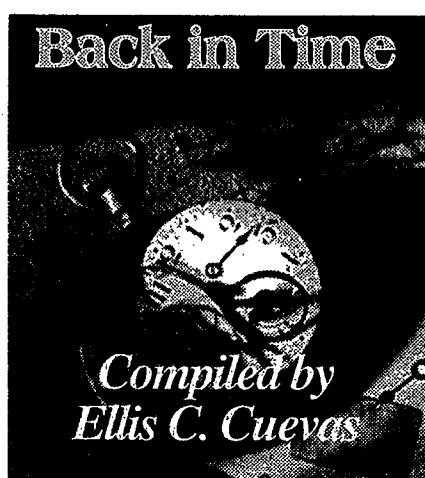
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1961: Wildlife compound



TEN YEARS AGO

February 7, 1991 - The paving of Texas Flat Road is a step closer to reality - a small step, but a step. County engineer Larry Seal said Monday that the county has been given the green light to apply for state and federal funds for the project. He told the Board of Supervisors at their first October meeting that the approval was only the first step.

If all goes as expected, Seal said the project, which is expected to cost \$11 million, should be completed in two to three years. The county must provide some of the matching funds for the work.

The board voted to obligate \$500,000 in State Aid funds for the project, and approved authorization for Seal to proceed with the fund application.

The Waveland Board of Aldermen adopted an ordinance Tuesday requiring that all culverts impeding the flow of ditch waters are to be dug up and replaced with others.

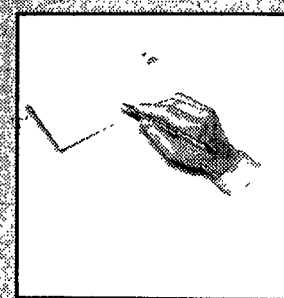
The city will pay for all city-installed culverts. The residents will pay for private culverts. According to Mayor Stella Frilot, there are 50 to 60 culverts throughout the city which are undersized or damaged and hinder the flow of storm waters by not allowing the water capacity to move through quickly. The ordinance give the city the authority to remove problem culverts.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

February 5, 1981 - The Hancock County Board of Supervisors Monday authorized the purchase of land south of The Sea Coast Echo Building from Princess Fahey of Bay St. Louis for \$40,000. The purchase price was the lowest of two appraisals for the land Walter Gex, board attorney said.

Our letters policy

The Sea Coast Echo welcomes comments from its readers. Letters must be signed and include address or telephone number. Letters should be brief, preferably typewritten and double-spaced. Only one letter per writer per month. The editor reserves the right to edit or reject letters. Letters of thanks, expressions of appreciation and political endorsements are inappropriate.



The board stated there was a need for the land for 'future expansion of the county courthouse and parking.' Michael Necaise, Hancock County Chancery Clerk, said the area is approximately the size of four city lots.

The new 28,000 square foot Delchamps Food Store opened Wednesday in Waveland's Choctaw Plaza Shopping Center on U.S. 90 at Highway 603. The 59-year-old chain now extends over a four state area - Alabama, Northwest Florida, Mississippi and Louisiana - with a total of 64 stores.

The Bay-Kiln-Waveland Boxing Club recently traveled to the Sage Civic Center in Mobile, Ala., to participate in four matches on a 21 bout card.

Making the boxing debut

with an impressive victory was Chuck Karl of Bay St. Louis who defeated Robert James of the Saucier Boxing Club.

A unanimous decision went to Jimmy McCure of the BKW team. He defeated Brian Wheat of the Ocean Springs Boxing Club with hard right hands to the head and body.

Losing by a small margin was 13-year-old John Poolson, a Bay Junior High student. Poolson almost pulled the fight out in the third round leaving Joe Schmidt of Mobile dizzy and defenseless.

Having his third exhibition and winning and Brian Watts of Waveland. Making the 250-mile round trip and unable to get a match were Fredman Lagas and

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Time

Eric and Chris Whisenhunt.

FORTY YEARS AGO

February 2, 1961 - A 20 acre \$50,000 wildlife compound is being built on U.S. 90 near the Lakeshore Road. It is expected to be one of the largest privately owned wildlife farms in the nation and will include, as one phase, what is reputed to be the largest turtle farm in the world. The operations, Trans World Wildlife Farms, is being built by Cliff Boal of New Orleans, now owner of Veterans Animal Import Co. which is to merge with Trans World.

The local farm will have better than 35,000 living specimen

of wildlife at all times and the operation will be open to the public.

A Saturday night raid by Sheriff Gerald V. Price netted one slot machine found in a State Rt. 43 tavern near Westonia. The sheriff reported he seized the slot and will place the \$24.96 found in it in the county's general fund.

No charges were made against the owner of the tavern. Price warned he will continue seizing any slots found.

SIXTY YEARS AGO

February 7, 1941 - Miss Shirley Smith, daughter of Dr.

and Mrs. A. P. Smith, recently gained distinction as a freshman by being chosen a member of the varsity debating squad at the University of Mississippi.

The University Varsity Squad, which is composed mainly of junior and senior law students, contains three complete teams that debate colleges and universities throughout the South.

Smith started her debating career at Bay High School in 1938, when, as a sophomore, was the youngest member of the team that won the state championship.

Because of constantly expanding business and recent-

ly purchasing the ideal A-1 property value, on North Beach Boulevard, opposite Hotel Reed, affording spacious and advantageous quarters, Kenny's Pecan Grove, shippers of high grade pecans and nationally famous Kenny's Famous Creole Praline, moved Monday from their location opposite the Echo Building to new quarters.

Mrs. Kenny, pioneer of the local pecan and praline industry in this section, gave Bay St. Louis an entirely new industry, which in total will prove and asset of incalculable benefit - not only in dollars and cents but of lasting advertising value.

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B-W Middle Honor Roll

SECOND NINE WEEKS GRADE 6

Alpha: Brittany Alleman, Robert Bare, D'Ondre Bell, Brittany Bernos, Courtney Bissonnette, Michelle Bradley, Chelsea Breckley, Anna Breland, Robyn Buehler, Amanda Bufkin, Sydney Chevis, Elizabeth Damark

Richard Gallegos, Sarah Gardner, Stephanie Gardner, Emily Giattina, Christopher Heath, Rebecca Hubbard, Ha Huynh, Lillie Kelly, Madison Laughlin, Jason Lee, Robert Necaise, Aspen Nero

Christine Netto, Linda Nguyen, Samantha Phillips, Tamara Reed, Shawn Riddle, Kathryn Rivera, Kimberly Robertson, Meggan Sapp, Meghan Schmitt, Kyra Smith, Lorna Stanton, Elizabeth Staples, Daniella Sweeney, John Tenney, Lindsey Trotter, Amanda Walker, Maxwell Zingarelli

Beta: Brooke Aucoin, Arielle Bell, Jeremy Bell, Laura Brondum, Jacob Brou, Alisha Carver, Ceige Clark, Brandy Dailey, Robert Davis, Katherine Dowling, Jessica Favre, Sarah Favre, Joshua Garcia, Chelsea Gardache

George Guichet, Irvin Hall, Reuben Hawkins, Ashley Hoffman, Brittany Houston, Melinda Jackson, Zachary Kingston, Casey Landrum, Katherine Langdon, Nigel Lewis, Caleb McQueen, Rachel Minear, Chadwick Moore, Cristina Mumme

Christina Murphy, Patrick Patel, Elwin Perrot, Margaret Prevou, Heather Richardson, Heath Riddle, Steven Ritenour, Elyse Roques, Champaign Rosemond

GRADE 7

Alpha: Jasmine Acker, Jeffrey Baudin, Brie Black, Meghan Breiden, Amanda Brogle, Kristina Broussard, Helen Bufkin, Tamara Campbell, Sirena Carpenter, Chantel Clark, Mandy Collins, Casey Dedeaux, Heidi Egloff

Meghan Ellis, Whitney Favre, Stephanie Gieseler, Courtenay Ginn, LaShonda Gorman, Debra Hall, Chawn

Hartley, Jessica Island, Paul Keith, Joshua Kennedy, Felicia Keyes

Brandi LaFontaine, Jamie Landrum, Jennifer Lenain, Richard Manieri Jr., Mignon May, Rebecca McIntosh, Hunter Mitchell

Mary Monks, Calren Moore, Kyle Moran, Harrison Morris, Nicole Morris, Mallory Murphy, Lisa Necaise, Quoc Nguyen, Howard O'Gwin Jr., Nicholas Patterson, Kristina Quintini, Catherine Rogers, Natasha Saucier, Tiffany Sheppard, Calene Tillman, Jessica Trotter, Paulette Valle

Beta: Guy Acker, Brennan Adam, Trevor Adam, Douglas Adams, Brianna Babin, Patrice Bennett, Christopher Billingsley, Whitney Booker, Crystal Brown, Morgan Bushea, Whitley Cann, Gen Chan, Donavan Clark, Chazz Coleman, Loan Dang, Tabitha Dastugue, Deshaina Dawson, John Dedeaux

Corey Delhommer, Brian DiBenedetto, Anna Dickinson, Christopher Duet, Juanita Easley, Valerie Ellis, Cody Famularo, Destiny Flood, Elise Fouasson, Paulina Ganucheau, Aaron George, Lindsey Goetz

Tiffany Goulart, Léan Graves, Ashley Green, Zachery Hardie, Melissa Hardman, Albert Husley III, Heather Jeanfreau, Gregory Johnson, Tywanna Kaigler, Jessica Keeton, Alanna Kelley

Christine Labbé, Ashley Ladner, Michelle Lester, Keandra Lock, Rachel Melville, Alicia Mitchell, Henry Monti, IV, Britt Ordes, Christopher Ortiz, Jennifer Palmer

Candasha Parker, Gregory Perry, Tasia Poyadou, Howard Rapp III, Celeste Richardson, Utopia Robinson, Johnna Roy

GRADE 8

Alpha: Jilean Baldree, Trysta Bradley, Dorman David, William Edmonds, Robin Fletcher, Elizabeth Floyd, Skyler Gex, Michael Goodsell, James Hamilton, Carolyn Hardin, Cy Hill, Angela Hughes, Taakamarie Johnson, Katherine Jones, Tabitha

Musgrove

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are putting ourselves in a more realistic position to budget for the upcoming year.

By working together to establish a sound fiscal policy, we can provide for a more stable future for Mississippi. We are not just looking for short-term solutions to our budget needs. We are also considering options that provide long-term solutions to our state budget.

We have offered one potential solution for our 2002 state budget. Utilizing funds from the AMS settlement for one-time expenditures will help us stabilize our budget and allow us to meet our needs in educa-

tion. We are open to other solutions and continue to consider various options.

We are listening to, and working with, the leadership of the House and the Senate, education leaders and others to establish short, intermediate and long-term solutions for our budget.

We must continue to work using our priorities to lead our state decisions. Our budget must reflect the needs and the priorities of our people.

Quotes

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People will be King Ronald Avery and Queen Tamara Whavers.

I hope that everyone will have a safe and happy Mardi Gras.

I apologize to Armand of Armand's Restaurant for misspelling his name in my Thursday column.

Armand served as the grand marshal on Friday for the Bay-Waveland Head Start Mardi Gras parade in Bay St. Louis.

Jones, Elizabeth Krass, Ashley Ladner, Bradley Ladner, Sarah LaFontaine, Dejean Laughlin, Mieu Ly, Christopher Magee, Sara Minear, Rachel Mitchell, Bonnie Myers, Valtresia Myles, Willow Nero, Kendra Reed, Crystal Scretching, Lisa Stoerner, Whitney Thomas, Jessica Walker

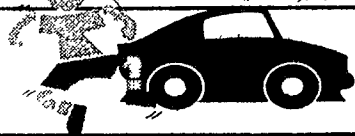
Beta: Felisha Brown, David Buckley, Jeremy Chester, Phillip Chisesi, Garrett Conn, William Davis, Nicole Eley, Eulalio Elizondo, Jessica Favre, Victoria Ferrill, Sara Gilmore, Cali Hayes, Jessica Hearty, Joshua Houston

Bridget Johnson, Daniel Johnson, Cory Jordan, Ivayal LaGarde, Jimmy McDougald, Amanda Melville, Nicolette Murphy, Sherry Perez, Sarah Powell, Felicia Ross, Lacey Sipsey, Kara Sotak, Blair Strong, Marissa Turcotte, James Walker, Samantha Wasson and Stella Wilkerson

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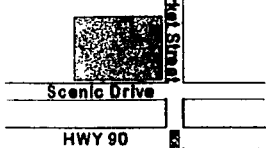
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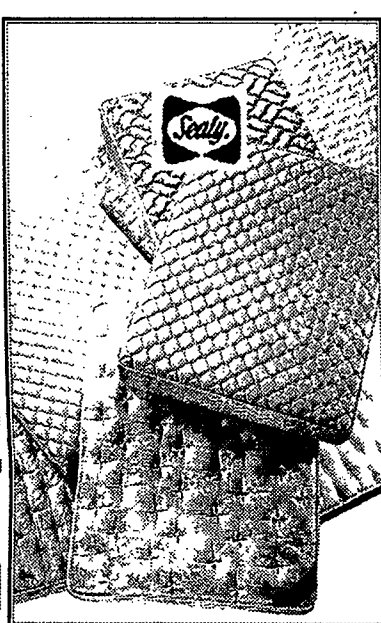
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Coast TOPS recognizes winners

Irene Roney of No. 5 Gulfport, Rose Knight of No. 122 Ocean Springs, Anna Reece of No. 190 Biloxi, Myrtle Edge of No. 298 Picayune, Paula Ready and Sherrie Mauffray, both of No. 307 Waveland, were recognized as first place winners in the KOPS (Keep Off Pounds Sensibly) division and were presented certificates and KOPS Kare Bears.

Maxine Palmer of No. 291 Ocean Springs was second place winner, and Vivian Catalanatto of No. 19 Ocean Springs was third.

TOPS MS 219 Biloxi received high honors of first place for having the greatest average loss per member during the holiday quarter. Their leader, Patsy Powell accepted the plaque for the average of 2.45 pounds per member. No. 35 Pascagoula came in second, and No. 213 Pass Christian was third.

Guest speaker was Darlene

Underwood of the Home Extension Service. She presented a program on healthy eating, reading labels, cooking with healthy choices in mind, and used visual aids to show members the fat, sodium and sugar amounts in various foods.

Approximately 125 members from the Coast attended the workshop which was hosted by No. 233 Waveland at the Casino

Magic Inn in Bay St. Louis.

TOPS is a support weight loss organization which has weekly meetings at various locations around the state. There are currently 18 chapters meeting on the Gulf Coast. Anyone wishing to do so may visit free of charge.

For information, call Edwina at 228-475-2517 or David at 228-388-1916.

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Krewe of Real People celebrates 20th anniversary

Shannon Garrett named Korp Grand Marshal

Shannon Demone Garrett was born on Jan. 24, 1972, in Bay St. Louis. He is the son of Sonny and Blanche Garrett. He is one of four children — Paul, Jackie, and Charlotte Garrett. He is a 1990 graduate of Saint Stanislaus High School where he was an Academic and Athletic High School All American in football, basketball and track.

His senior year alone in football he had over 1,000 all-purpose yards with 14 touchdowns, which ranked him in the top three on the Gulf Coast.

In basketball he averaged more than 24 points per game, which ranked him in the top five on the Gulf Coast. In track, he was ranked in the top 10 in the entire state of Mississippi in the 100 and 200-meter dash.

However, due to lack of media exposure, which is a tremendous problem for athletes in Hancock County, he was not heavily recruited out of high school.

With all the athletic achievement he only received two scholarship offers in sports.

One was a full scholarship to play basketball at Pearl River Community College and the other was a partial scholarship to play football at Mississippi College as a receiver.

He chose the partial football scholarship at Mississippi College, which later on converted into a full scholarship. He majored in business



Shannon Garrett

All-America, All-Academic, Gulf South Conference and All-Conference honors.

He finished his senior year with five interceptions, 10 pass break-ups and led the team with 82 tackles, 50 of which were solo.

He received his bachelor of science degree in business administration in 1994 with a 3.0 GPA. Three months later he signed a professional football contract in the Canadian Football League (CFL).

Since 1994 he played with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers in Manitoba, two years with the Saskatchewan Roughriders in Regina and a short stint with the New Orleans Saints.

He recently finished his sixth professional year with the Edmonton Eskimos in Alberta, Canada.

His total professional statistics consist of 250 tackles, 63 pass knockdowns or pass breakups and 16 interceptions including a 102-yard return for a touchdown.

For the last five years during the off-season, he has been working at The Peoples Bank as a loan officer.

The bank hired me knowing that I played professional football in Canada; therefore, they allowed me to leave six months out of the year and then return to the job," he says. He is currently working in the downtown Gulfport branch. He will be leaving for Canada in June for the 2001 CFL season unless he gets picked up by an NFL team.

The Krewe of Real People welcomed the 2001 Mardi Gras season Feb. 10 at the Hancock County Civic Center with their 20th anniversary ball.

To celebrate the krewe's anniversary, a seven-foot-tall, three-layer white cake with gold candles and the number 20 on top was rolled out by the krewe bakers represented by the Omega Psi Phi fraternity.

The bakers performed a dance step show for the crowd's entertainment. While dancing to the song "Celebration," the cake was opened to unveil Krewe Captain Sandra Price. She came out throwing double-blooms and dancing to the song as a means of opening the ball.

The cake was designed and built by Bad Seed Productions of Bay St. Louis.

The mistress of ceremonies was Courtney Thomas. She began the formal part of the program by introducing last year's royalty, King Warren Conway of Gulfport and Queen Vonretta Singleton of Bay St. Louis. They made their farewell promenade to the throne as the audience gave them a standing ovation.

The Ellsworth Collins Service Award was given this

year to Danin Benoit, president of Operation Wake-Up for his untiring commitment to helping young and old in our community with his program. The award is given to those who demonstrate a strong commitment to helping others in the community.

The 2001 King and Queen were then presented. King Ronald Avery of Pass Christian is married to Lana Avery, and they have five children, Lauren, Arem, Arielle, Reginald and Richard.

He is a lieutenant on the Bay St. Louis Fire Department and is also the owner of A & B Cleaning Services. He is a volunteer coach for Pass Parks and Recreation and is a disc jockey for neighborhood school dances.

Queen Tamara Whavers is a resident of DeLisle and married to Aaron Whavers for seven years. They have three children, Raven, Aaron Jr., and Omar. She is currently pursuing a degree in elementary education.

The royal candidates Reggie Smith and Michelle King of Bay St. Louis were presented and thanked for their hard work this past year.

The royal pages presented gifts to the king and queen —

Alyse Rogers and Alexandria Rogers, daughters of Al and Jackie Garrett Rogers of Bay St. Louis, Charionda Lewis and Keionda Lewis, daughters of Wayne and Charlotte Garrett Lewis of Bay St. Louis.

Introduced next was the Grand Marshal of this year's Mardi Gras parade, Shannon Garrett, who is a Bay St. Louis native and plays professional football for the Canadian Football League.

Entertainment to the royal court was provided by the Daniels sisters, Thariah, Sherry and Eve, singing "We are Family" by the Pointer Sisters and "Sail On."

Other entertainment was by Ann Wilkerson singing "Better Days," while an exquisitely dramatic skit was performed by Toni Farve.

The royal court to the king and queen was the royalty for the past 20 years. They were all dressed in elaborate costumes.

After the formal portion of the ball ended with a champagne toast by the newly crowned king, Mardi Gras season was officially declared open.

The guests danced the night away to the music provided by Reggie Hall and the Twilights.

Charles B. Murphy Elem. Honor Roll

SECOND NINE WEEKS SUPERINTENDENT'S LIST

Grade 1: Chase Bosarge, Kelsey Curet, Mallory Pullman, Melinda Pullman and Trey Vernaci

Grade 2: Cassandra Acker, Patrick Crowe, Tabitha Davies, Tiffany Wake and Ross Wesovich

Grade 3: None

Grade 4: None

Grade 5: Amanda Lemay

PRINCIPAL'S LIST

Grade 1: Donald Bush, Joseph Day, Courtney Bennett, Breanna Peters and Jefferson Verdin

Grade 2: Brittney Earle, Julius Harris, Ryan Jordan, Robert Ray, Ashley Swanson and Holly Taylor

Grade 3: Cameron Boughton, Cyrena Crapps, Brad Hill, Nastassia Irias, Sunnie Palode and Britian Patmon

Grade 4: Jacob Ferguson, Stephen Glover and Athena

Palode

Grade 5: Ian Ferguson,

Darell Forrest, Darren Giveans and Eric Zeringue

Gulfview Elementary School Honor Roll

Second Nine Weeks SUPERINTENDENT'S LIST

ALL A's

Grade 1: Celeste Courteaux, Jacob Crawford, Bethany Cuevas, Hunter Evans, Abigail Jacobson, Taylor Ladner, Jonathan Mina, Brady Smith and Jasmine Smith

Grade 2: Kala Anderson, Brad Bordes, Sheli Guidry and Ashley Smith

Grade 3: Kaleb Anderson, Christopher Bermond, India Bush, Katelin Fountain, Keith Moran, Shelby Osbourn and Sarah Torgeson

PRINCIPAL'S LIST

A's & B's

Grade 1: Carl Anderson, Stavroula Beach, Heather Beagle, Brandon Benard, Blakeley Cain, Crissinda Comeaux, Justin Cox, Chase Crenshaw, Devin Dessel, Jesse Finch, Jacob Fucich, Keelie Gaines, Tyler Giveans, Natasha Hall, Holli Harrison, Dylan Jaye, Cole Ladner, Evelyn Lindsey, Alaura Miller, Kelsey Ming, Paige Morel, Heather Murray, Karen Ogle, Andrew Olivo,

Trevor Pagano, Frank

Pernicario

Holly Rainer, Taylor

Roderick, William Seymour,

Sierra Sizemore, Angie Smith,

Ashley Smith, Ulyessis Tomak

Neva Thomas, Nicholas Tomak

Patrick Tran and Mark Raphael

Grade 2: Sherri Airhart,

Michael Aupied, Anthony

Berthelot, Felicia Billiot, Taylor

Brewer, Brittany Buras, Shelby

Butters, Adam Claffin, Kyrie

Cuevas, Destiney Dedeaux,

Gabrielle Fricke, Maria Garcia,

Jeannie Garth

Nickolas Greene, Dalton

Hamby, Daniel Hampton, Anna

Lacoste, Destiney LaFontaine,

Jordan LaFontaine, Ashley

Lindsey, Monica Loisel, Kacey

Marie

April McSweeney, Justin

Mina, Trevor Patterson, Xavier

Sones, Daniel Spoon, Hannah

Sylvest, Patricia Warden,

Jonathan Warran, John Wright,

Jamie Yates and Viltress Gibbs

Grade 3: Kira Bates,

Anthony Cardinale, Cynthia

Fouasnon, Derinda Green,

Abigail Herrington, Courtney

Hudson, Jarrett Lee, Travis

Luxich, Eric Lynch, Harry

Morel, Jessica Nesom

Jessica Packer, Ryan Ruhr,

Kerri Shiyou, Joshua Sones,

Cody Stone, Amanda White,

Orion Wilcox, Kayla Arnold,

Jared Lally and Clarice

Marcentel

Grade 4: Nolvia Bacallao,

Alexa Barbazon, Ashley Bryan,

Hailey Cain, Jeremy Cardinale,

Tyler Carver, Toby Dastugue

Jr., Lucas Ewing, Blaine

Freeman, Kristen Kennedy,

Bryan Lynch, Amanda Mason,

Kayla Maurigi

Summer McLain, Kirsten

Muirhead, Marcus Price, Justin

Schultz, Tanner Smith, Ashley

Toomey, Loan Tran, Leslie

Williams, Della Myers and

Joshua Trosclair

Grade 5: Justin Allen, Rikki

Barksdale, Christen Berry,

Andrew Besancon, Michel

Breaux, Skye Browne, Caleb

Finch, Brandi Graham, Andrew

Heaton, Ashton Hudson,

Cameron Ingersoll

Victoria Lindsey, Michael

Livingston, Megan Loisel, Kala

Lott, Mykeal Maes, Tiffany

Marquar

Spencer Morris, Bethany

Raphael, Lyle Smith,

Christopher Vidrine, Smantha

Warneke and Nicholes White

St. Clare Elementary School Honor Roll

2nd Nine Weeks

STRAIGHT A'S

1st Grade: Kolleen Acklen, Caroline Collins, Brandon Edenfield, Jennifer Ginn, Cali Longo, Kelly McKeough, Courtney Seitz

2nd Grade: Toni Lotz, Newman Forestier, Kyle McKeough, Hannah Wikoff, Michelle DeFrait

3rd Grade: Briou Bourgeois, Brittany Kramber, Brianna Wilson

4th Grade: Rachel Courtault, Cady Reinhart, John Smuck

ALPHA

1st Grade: Ashton Aime, Kaycie Cucurullo, Brett Disher, Joshua Williams, Taylor Turcotte, Nicholas Bensabat, Taylor Bourgeois, Brienne Bourgeois, Nicholas Denette

2nd Grade: Brandon Bunol, Billy Cotter, Stephanie Burke, Dakota Gugno, Sheila Kapp, Kaylyn Hall, Johnny Kelly, Magan McClellan, Kendall McDonald, Brandon Odom

3rd Grade: Kaitlin Collins, Amanda Ginn, Brennan Stieffel

4th Grade

Sabrina

Bradford, Chelsea Copeland,

Morgan Hansell, Samantha

Bradford, Laura Chapman,

Whitney Copeland, Rebecca

Fleuriet, Jennifer Liverett,

Solomon Twigg

5th Grade: Lisa Adam,

Corey Daspi, Megan Bermond,

Cale Hansell, Matthew

Matranga, Kathryn McDonald,

Shelly Reboul, Stephanie

Williamson, Maggie Worrel

6th Grade: Maegen

Besancon, Reilly Bourgeois,

Sean Bradford, Andre Romain

BETA

1st Grade: Karen Jones,

Morgan McMaster, Jacob

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SPORTS

SSC's Byrne signs to play with Duquesne

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

Every high school football player has a dream of playing at the next level. However, less than 10% of the one-million five-hundred thousand high school football players ever see the reality of that dream. For St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaw senior linebacker Cameron Byrne, the dream became a reality on Friday, February 23.

Byrne signed a National Letter of Intent to play football for Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Byrne, a 5-10 200lb linebacker/fullback, started for four years at St. Stanislaus under head coach Dave Kenson. His head coach commented, "In addition to all the records he set here at SSC, his leadership is what stands out the most. He is a true football player that has the willingness to do whatever it takes to help the team. Duquesne is a great fit for Cameron. They have a great football team and tremendous academic programs. It will be a long time before we have another player of the caliber of Cameron Byrne."

Duquesne University is a catholic university located in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Last season, Duquesne went 10-1 and won the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference title. The university competes in Division I-AA in football and Division I-A in all other sports. The university is taking a serious look at making the jump to Division I-A in football in the very near future. Their first game of the 2001 season is tentatively scheduled to be televised on ESPN2.

Brother Ronald Hingle, principal of St. Stanislaus, stated, "We are extremely proud of

Cameron's accomplishments at SSC both on and off the field. Plus, not only is he pursuing his education at a major university, he is choosing to continue his development at a Catholic school. Cameron is a fine example of an SSC 'Man of Character' and we are proud to have him represent us at Duquesne University. We look forward to cheering him on both on the field and off."

Cameron Byrne first set foot on the high school gridiron in 1997 as a freshman. By the end of his freshman season, he had solidified himself as quality player with tremendous potential. During that season he totaled 84 tackles which was second on the team. In his sophomore campaign, he helped lead the Rocks to the state playoffs in 1998. He recorded 116 total tackles which was second on the team. By the end of that season, he had established himself as the career leader in tackles at SSC. However, Cameron had set his sights even higher by the end of that season. He wanted to achieve a special number.

During his junior season, Cameron led the team in tackles with a season record 140 total tackles. In 2000, Cameron enjoyed a wonderful senior campaign. He recorded 161 total tackles which gave him 501 career total tackles. Unofficially, that is a Mississippi state record for tackles in a career. The recognized national high school record in 521.

Cameron leaves the SSC football program as the career leader in total tackles (501), career leader in solo tackles (164), tackles in a season (140), and career tackles for loss (47 for minus 138 yards).

SSC defensive coordinator Stan Dellenger stated, "Cameron brought so much experience to the field. It was like having a coach on the field. His leadership on and off the field was a tremendous asset. Cameron is a product of great parents and his void will be extremely difficult to fill. He is truly one of the best I have ever had in my 18 years of coaching."

Cameron was looking for more in a school than just playing football. He wanted to make the most of his education. In the end, he narrowed down his choices and Duquesne just stood head and shoulders above the rest. It was a school that was one of the few schools in the country that had a program devoted to what he wanted to study - sports marketing. Cameron talked about his choice, "Duquesne University was the one place that I wanted to go for my education. They have a great football program and they proved that with winning the MAAC title this season with a 10-1 record. When I went on my visit last month, I fell in love with the campus, the school, and the coaching staff. It was a wonderful experience. It is a school that is geared to preparing you for life."

Pittsburgh is a long way away from the comforts of home on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Cameron's parents, David and

Jane Byrne, will definitely rack up the frequent flyer miles to and from Pittsburgh for the next four years. However, they knew that this inevitable time would come and are very happy for Cameron but not without some sadness. Jane Byrne stated, "I'll be lost during the season. I haven't missed a game since the sixth grade. But, we knew this is where he wanted to go. Academically, it was his first choice." David and Jane both stated that Cameron is a fortunate person. He is playing the sport he loves at a school that he picked for his academics.

So, it seems as though the dream has become a reality for Cameron Byrne. Nobody really knows what the next four years will hold; however, if it is anything like the last four then the sky is the limit for Cameron Byrne. Congratulations! We wish the best to one of SSC's finest - #24 Cameron Byrne.

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Lady Tigers, Rocks, Pass bow out in first

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

The St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws, Bay High Lady Tigers, and the Pass Christian Pirates all ended their basketball seasons with losses in the first round of the South State playoffs last week. The Lady Tigers were upset at home by Crystal Springs 62-59 while the Rocks were dropped by Lawrence County 68-54. The Pirates were upended by Kemper County 75-62 to close out their season.

On Monday, February 19, the Bay High Lady Tigers were hosting Crystal Springs at the Tiger Dome. The Lady Tigers held a 38-33 advantage at half-time and seemed to have the game in hand when senior guard Shenma Ambrose passed off to Kendra Reed for a layup to make the score 57-52 with just under three minutes to go in the game. However, Crystal Springs outscored the Lady Tigers 10-2 in the final three minutes to claim the win.

Crystal Springs, the Division 6 runner-up, will move on to the South State tournament while

Bay High ended their season at 27-7. Ambrose led the way for the Lady Tigers scoring 20 points in the game.

The St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws, Division 7 runner-up, ended their season with a 68-54 quarter-final loss to Lawrence County, Division 6 champions, in Monticello on Tuesday, February 20. The Rocks were unable to overcome a 38-19 halftime deficit despite Grady Willis' 29 points. The Rocks ended their season at 25-9.

The Pass Christian Pirates and Kemper County were deadlocked until the final four minutes of the game when Kemper County forced the Pirates into some bad situations. Bad shots and turnovers forced the Pirates to foul Kemper County. During the final stretch, Kemper County was 17-20 from the charity stripe to seal the win. The Pirates were led by Brad Cook with 14 points followed by Richard Dedeaux with 13 points. Vuong Nguyen also added 12 points for the Pirates. Pass Christian ends their season with a 27-8 mark.

Baseball registration at Necaise

The Necaise Crossing community will be holding its boys and girls baseball registration Sunday, Feb. 25, 2-5; Monday, Feb. 26, 5-7; Sunday, March 4, 2-5; and Sunday, March 11, 2-5. Last registration is Sunday, March 18, 2-5.

Registration will be at the

Community Center at the baseball field. The fee is \$45. Children who are playing for the first time need to bring a copy of their birth certificate.

For information, call Darrin Ladner, 255-7310; Joe Ladner, 255-4985; of Laura Heitzmann, 586-0264.

Waveland baseball registration

Waveland Little League Baseball has registration every Saturday until the end of February for T Ball 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-16 and 17-19 at the Elwood Bourgeois Park Waveland Field, 9 a.m.-5

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LEAH ROBERTSON
VENNIE PIZZOLATO
CERIL SCHEPPEGRELL

KEVIN BOSCH SR.

Kevin Gerard Bosch Sr., 39, of Bay St. Louis, died Monday, Feb. 19, 2001, in Bay St. Louis.

Mr. Bosch was a native of Mobile, Ala. and a resident of Kiln for the past four years. He was a Catholic and a member of the International Brothers of Electrical Workers.

He was preceded in death by his father, Raymond Bosch, Sr.; and a sister, Laverne M. Bosch.

Survivors include a son, Kevin G. Bosch, Jr. of Bay St. Louis; two daughters, Sherri R. Carrone of Slidell and Christina A. Bosch of Bay St. Louis; his mother, LaVerne T. Bosch of French Settlement, La.; two brothers, Leslie T. Bosch, Sr. and Raymond L. Bosch Jr., both of French Settlement; and a sister, Margie Bracey of Florence, Miss.

Visitation was Friday at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis followed by a memorial service. Interment was private.

RUTH BRELAND

Ruth Anne Mitchell Breland, 62, of Pearlington, died Thursday, Feb. 22, 2001, in New Orleans.

Mrs. Breland was a native of Picayune and had lived in Pearlington for 40 years. She was a homemaker and a member of First Southern Baptist Church of Pearlington.

Survivors include her husband, Donald L. Breland of Pearlington; three daughters, Tawna Cooperider of Picayune, and Taren Sessions and Tanis Breland, both of Pearlington; two brothers, Leon Mitchell and Jackie Mitchell, both of Picayune; three sisters, Wilma Mason and Joyce Harris, both of Picayune, and Alice Pearson of Carriere; and two grandchildren.

Visitation was Saturday evening at McDonald Funeral

Home in Picayune. Funeral services will be conducted today, Feb. 25 at 2 p.m. in First Southern Baptist Church of Pearlington with visitation one hour prior to service time.

Burial will be in Napoleon Cemetery in Napoleon, Miss.

The family prefers memorials to First Southern Baptist Church of Pearlington, P.O. Box 146, Pearlington, MS 39572.

RUSSELL P. ENGEL

Russell P. Engel, 85, died Wednesday, Feb. 21, in Bedford, TX.

Mr. Engel was a native of New Orleans, a longtime resident of Pass Christian and had lived in the Dallas area for three years. He attended Loyola University, served in the Air Force during World War II and was a retired marketing representative for Phillips Petroleum. He was a member of St. Paul Catholic Church in Pass Christian, Knights of Columbus, Kiwanis Club, American Legion in Waveland, Bay-Waveland Yacht Club and Pass Christian Yacht Club.

Survivors include his wife, Virginia Engel of Bedford; a son, Bill Engel of Delray Beach, Fla.; a daughter, Bertille Smith of Arlington, Tx; a brother, Edward Engel of Metairie, La.; four grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at St. Paul Catholic Church in Pass Christian, where friends may call 30 minutes before the service; a graveside service will be at 11:30 a.m. at National Cemetery in Biloxi directed by Riemann Funeral Home, 25th Ave., Gulfport.

The family prefers memorials to St. Stanislaus, 304 S. Beach Blvd., Bay St. Louis, MS 39520.

PAUL LAPIERRE

Paul Anthony Lapierre, 37, died Thursday, Feb. 22, in New Orleans.

Mr. Lapierre was born in Plattsburg, N.Y., and had lived in New Orleans for six years. He formerly worked for Servicemaster in the Chicago area at Loyola Marymount College and graduated from the Western Carolina Culinary Institute in Portland, Ore. He was a chef at Wild Acres Retreat in Little Switzerland, N.C.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Kathleen Cale Bouissey.

Survivors include two brothers, Gary Lapierre of Biloxi and Francis Lapierre of Fairview, N.C.

Services were held yesterday at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Biloxi.

Howard Avenue Chapel of Bradford-OpKeefe Funeral Homes in Biloxi is in charge of the arrangements.

HERBERT OURSO JR.

Herbert Joseph Ourso, Jr., 77, of Pass Christian, died Sunday, Feb. 18, 2001, in Pass Christian.

Mr. Ourso was a railroad engineer.

He was preceded in death by

his first wife, Norma Boudreaux Ourso; his second wife, Rita Willis Clavijo Ourso; and his parents, Herbert Joseph Ourso, Sr. and Edna Keller Ourso.

Survivors include two sons, Herbert Joseph Ourso, III of Mereaux, La. and Robert Joseph Ourso of New Orleans; a sister, Helen Ourso Morrison of Pass Christian; seven grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; and a devoted friend, Hazel J. Willis of Pass Christian.

Private services were conducted Wednesday. Burial took place at Gulf Coast Memorial Cemetery and Mausoleum in Bay St. Louis.

The family prefers memorials to one's favorite charity. Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis was in charge of arrangements.

LEAH ROBERTSON

Leah J. Robertson, 46, of Pass Christian, died Tuesday, Feb. 20, in Mobile.

Mrs. Robertson was a Mobile native and had lived on the Mississippi Gulf Coast for 12 years. She was a legal secretary and a member of Nugent United Methodist Church in Gulfport.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James E. Robertson Sr.; and her mother, Virginia J. Creekmore.

Survivors include a son, Michael Robertson of Pass Christian; her father, Lodessa H. Creekmore of Mobile; two stepsons, Jay Robertson of Okinawa and Charles Robertson of Como; a stepdaughter, Sherry Robertson of Long Beach; two brothers, Dan Creekmore and Tony Creekmore, both of Mobile; and eight grandchildren.

Services were conducted Friday at Riemann Funeral Home chapel in Long Beach followed by burial in Gulf Pines Memorial Gardens and Mausoleum in Long Beach.

VENNIE PIZZOLATO

Vennie Gasper "Pink Pantha" Pizzolato, 23, of Diamondhead, died Saturday, Feb. 17, 2001, in Diamondhead.

Mr. Pizzolato was owner and operator of Wax Elastik Musical Productions in Diamondhead. He was a former resident of Addis and a native of Plaquemine.

He was preceded in death by his father, Rodney John Gasper Pizzolato; maternal grandmoth-

er, Ruth Rose Wilbert Templet; and paternal grandfather, Gasper Pizzolato Jr.

Survivors include his mother, Jane Templet Pizzolato of Bay St. Louis; a daughter, Mazie Lexis Pizzolato and her mother, Kimberly Wilson of Diamondhead; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Cinnamon and Kim Broussard of Lafayette, Mischa and Michael Murry of Baton Rouge and Tennille and U.S. Navy CE3 (SCW) Anthony R. Vigiloti of Bay St. Louis; maternal grandfather, J. R. Templet Jr. of Plaquemine; paternal grandmother, Shirley Pizzolato Blouin of Plaquemine; a niece, a nephew, numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Visitation was Tuesday at Wilbert Funeral Home in Plaquemine followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. Interment was in Grace Memorial Park.

The family prefers memorials to the Lynn Meadows Discovery Center in Gulfport.

CERIL SCHEPPEGRELL

Dr. Ceril Solon Scheppegrell, 89, of Waveland, died Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2001, in Waveland.

Dr. Scheppegrell was born July 29, 1911 in New Orleans, was a resident of Waveland since 1996 and was a member of St. Clare Catholic Church in Waveland. He was a graduate of Loyola University and Loyola University School of Dentistry.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George Henry and Lily Louise Wuerzt Scheppegrell; and a sister, Merle Boehmer.

Survivors include his wife, Virginia Kepper Scheppegrell of Waveland; three sons, Stewart James Scheppegrell of Prescott, Ariz., John Ceril Scheppegrell of Bend, Ore., and George William Scheppegrell of Sarasota, Fla.; four daughters, Virginia Webb of Denham Springs, La., Ann Parr of LaPlace, La., Elizabeth Rudolph of Metairie, and June Weiskopf of Gautier; 10 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Thursday at St. Clare Catholic Church in Waveland followed by a Mass of Christian Burial and interment in Gulf Coast Memorial Cemetery and Mausoleum in Bay St. Louis. Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis was in charge of arrangements.

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Operation Wake-Up! would like to take this opportunity to thank all the honorees and the community for its attendance and participation which made our third annual Black History program honoring the late Chief Douglas J. Williams a great success.

This year's program, "Passing the Torch from One Generation to the Next", Honored twelve Hancock county residents and each one received one of the four different awards that were presented Saturday night February 17, 2001.

We would like to extend a special thanks to People's Bank, Union Planters, Morning Star Baptist Church, Coast Electric, City of Bay St. Louis, McDonald's of Waveland, The Williams Family, The Whaver's Family, and all member's and volunteers which make our program successful.

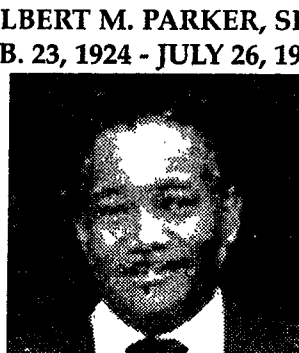
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Look for our next upcoming event, "Wake-Up! Fest 2001", April 7 & 8.

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USMGC announces spring Continuing Education classes

Sharpening computer and writing skills will be among classes offered at the University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast this spring.

USMGC's Division of Continuing Education, starting this month, will offer several classes at the Gulf Park campus in Long Beach and at the Jackson County campus in Gautier.

Computer class offerings include:

- Introduction to Computers, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Feb. 17, at the Jackson County campus.

- Introduction to Windows 95/98, 5:30-9 p.m., Feb. 19-20, Gulf Park Conference Center.

- Intermediate Windows 95/98, 5:30-9 p.m., Feb. 21-22, Gulf Park Conference Center.

- PowerPoint, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Feb. 24, Gulf Park Conference Center.

- Introduction to Word, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Feb. 24, Gulf Park Conference Center.

The fee for computer classes is \$79 each, \$69 for persons 55 and older.

Writing classes include:

- Common Mistakes that Lead to (Publisher) Rejection, 6-9 p.m., Feb. 23, Gulf Park Conference Center, \$49.

- Writing a Novel that Sells 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Feb. 24, Gulf Park Conference Center, \$79.

- Short Story and Novel Feedback, 6-9 p.m., Feb. 24, Gulf Park Conference Center, \$49.

- Creating a Novel from Scratch, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Feb. 25, Gulf Park Conference Center, \$79.

USMGC is also offers a Frontline Supervisory Training in Human Resources class at the Gulf Park Conference Center, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Feb. 22. The fee is \$129.

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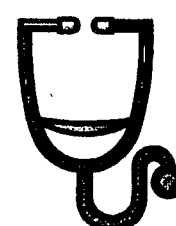
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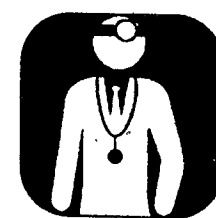
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BUSINESS NEWS



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Ribbon cutting

The Kid Company, celebrated a grand re-opening at its new location in Shieldsboro Square, Highway 90, Bay St. Louis with a ribbon cutting last Wednesday. The shop is open Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. till 5:30 p.m. and features children's clothing, toys and accessories. Participants in the ribbon cutting included Dorothy Authement, left, Sarah Perniclaro, Bay St. Louis Mayor Eddie Favre, Delery Mann, Iris Mann, owner Anne Mann, Sue Chamberlain, Helen Gaines and Bill Taylor.

Domino's Pizza franchisee celebrates 20th anniversary

RPM Pizza, Inc. is the largest franchise of Domino's Pizza in North America, and this year the Gulfport-based company will celebrate its 20th anniversary as a Domino's franchisee.

Richard Mueller, founder of RPM Pizza, Inc., has been working with Domino's Pizza for more than 30 years.

Getting his start as a driver in 1967 for Thomas Monaghan, founder of Domino's Pizza Inc., Mueller quickly moved up the company ladder.

In 1970 he purchased 49% of his first store in Michigan. After

selling his share of that store back to Domino's Pizza one year later, Mueller purchased 49% of the first of 60 stores he would own in Ohio.

In February of 1981, Mueller sold his stock back to Domino's Pizza, and along with his brother Glenn formed RPM Pizza, Inc. Beginning with only three stores in Mississippi, the first RPM store was the Kaessler location in Biloxi.

Today RPM operates 16 stores on the Coast from Bay St. Louis to Pascagoula and delivers 20,000 orders per week to Coast residents.

Today RPM Pizza owns 160 Domino's stores in Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama and Arkansas and employs more than 2,700 team members in store operations and office positions.

Last year, RPM Pizza generated record-breaking sales in excess of \$100 million and has contributed well over \$2.75 million to charities and community projects over the years.

RPM Pizza has conceived many ideas that have gone on to become standards of Domino's Pizza Inc. From the express store (stores located within convenience stores/gas stations) to the first heated hot bag, which would go on to become the "HeatWave Bag."

Mueller and team are always seeking additional ways to better serve their customers. RPM Pizza has even made ordering as convenient as the click of a button on the Internet through www.dominos.guikorder.com.

Domino's Pizza, Inc. was founded in 1960 by Thomas S. Monaghan and is recognized as the world leader in pizza delivery.

In 1997, sales reached \$3.3 billion. Domino's Pizza, with more than 1,200 franchisees, operates more than 6,000 stores in 90 international markets.

Hancock Holding, Lamar Capital agree to merger

George A. Schloegel, chief executive officer of Hancock Holding Company (Nasdaq: HBHC), and Robert W. Roseberry, chairman and chief executive officer of Lamar Capital Corporation (Nasdaq: LCCO), announced jointly a definitive agreement and plan of merger approved by the companies' respective boards of directors.

Under the terms of the agreement, Hancock will offer \$11.00 for each share of Lamar common stock outstanding. Lamar shareholders will have the opportunity to elect either cash or Hancock convertible preferred stock.

The number of Lamar shares exchanged into Hancock convertible preferred stock would be limited to a maximum of 70.0% and a minimum of 51.0% of Lamar shares outstanding.

The convertible preferred stock is convertible into common shares of Hancock stock at \$45.00 per share and will pay a dividend that will yield 8.0%.

The merger results in an institution with combined assets of approximately \$3.4 billion and a market capitalization of more than \$400 million. The combined company will have a total of 100 full-service banking offices and 139 automated teller machines in South Mississippi and Louisiana.

Excluding projected merger-related (pre tax) charges of \$10 million, the acquisition is not expected to impact Hancock's diluted earnings per share in 2001 but should have a positive impact on diluted earnings per share in 2002 and beyond.

On a diluted cash earnings per share basis, the transaction will have an immediate positive impact for 2001 and subsequent years.

Subject to certain conditions, including the approval of Lamar's shareholders and applicable regulatory authorities, the merger should close in the third quarter of 2001.

Additionally, the companies intend the transaction to be tax-free to the shareholders of Lamar who elect to receive Hancock convertible preferred stock.

Lamar Capital Corporation is a bank holding company headquartered in Purvis — an established town 60 miles northwest of Hancock's

Gulfport corporate offices.

The company's subsidiaries include Lamar Bank, a state chartered commercial bank founded in 1904 and operating nine offices; Southern Financial Services, Inc., a consumer finance company with six offices; and Lamar Data Solutions, Inc., a company providing data processing, data recovery, and other professional services to community banks.

Lamar Bank also provides stock and other securities trading services through an arrangement with Raymond James Financial Services, Inc.

With assets of \$415.5 million (as of December 31, 2000), \$222 million in loans, \$306 million in deposits, \$36.8 million in equity, and locations in six south central Mississippi counties, Lamar serves a rapidly growing, economically diverse area of the state that includes metropolitan Hattiesburg — home of the University of Southern Mississippi and William Carey College.

Hancock Holding Company, the parent company of Hancock Bank (Mississippi) and Hancock Bank of Louisiana, has assets of \$3 billion.

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VanGeffen named financial advisor at Raymond James

Tom VanGeffen, Bubba Knight, Mark Turner and Corky Hadden, with Raymond James Financial Services, Inc. (member NASD/SIPC), announce the association of Cory E. VanGeffen as a financial advisor with their Slidell office.

VanGeffen is the eldest son of Senior Partner Thomas D. VanGeffen. For the past year he has been supporting Tom in the areas of mutual fund tracking and asset allocation modeling.

He has passed his Series 7 exam and is now assuming the role of financial advisor. Cory resides in Slidell with his wife Melissa.

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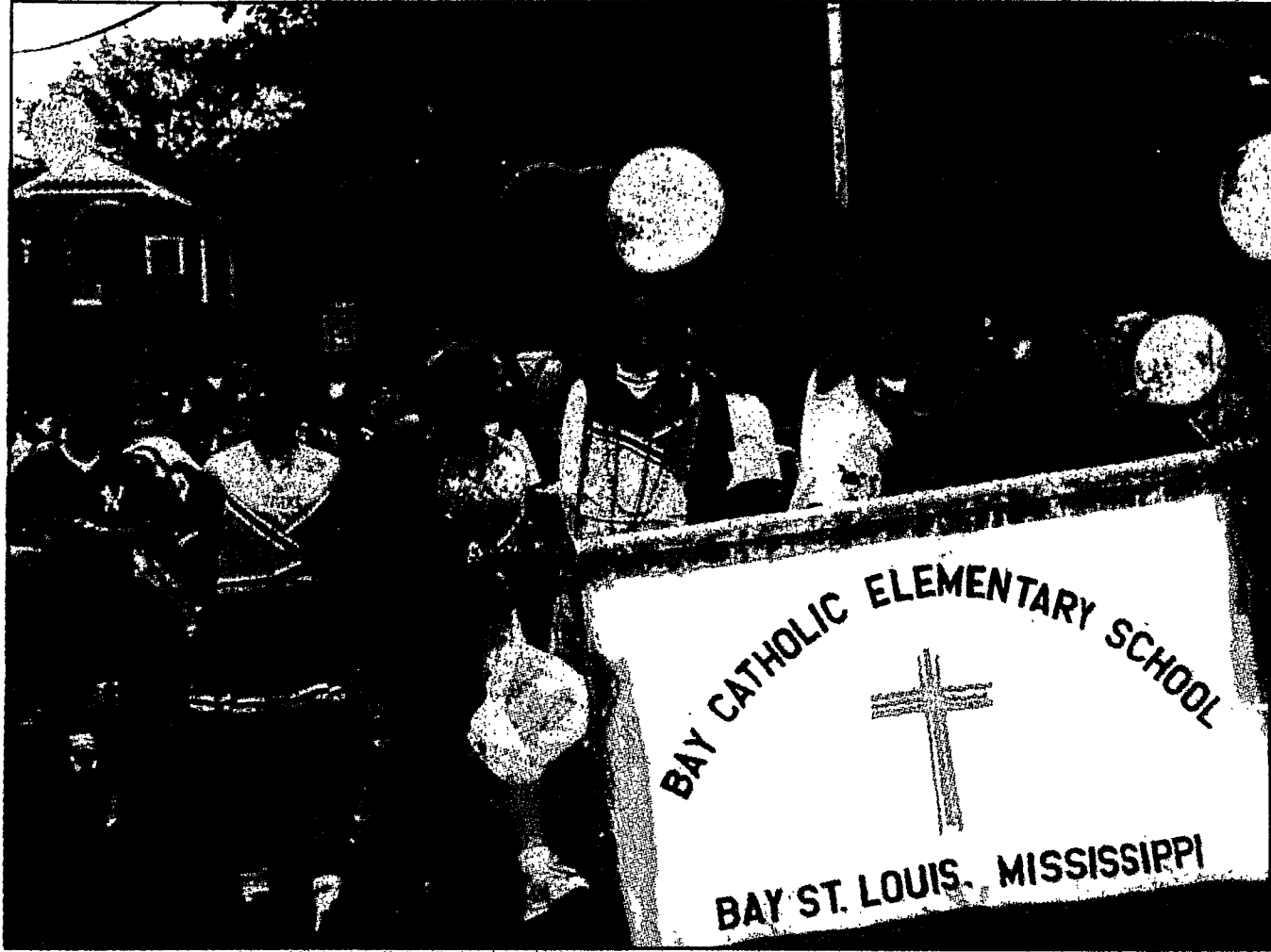
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CALGON CARBON/CCC	6.30	- .55
CHEVRON CORP/CHV	84.46	- 2.09
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REGIONS FINANCIAL/RGBR	30.04	- .45
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Kids Parade in the Bay, Pass



Scenes from Friday's Bay-Waveland Head Start, Bay Catholic Elementary and St. Paul Elementary Mardi Gras parades



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Krewe of Real People Celebrates 20th Anniversary



Royal Contestants

Reggie Smith
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Leo Paul
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Queen
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1989

King Charles Johnson, Queen Nellie Bell



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King Ronald Avery, Queen Tamera Whavers



1998

King Kendall Tims, Queen Azzie Henderson



1983

King Lonnie Bradley, Queen Deldre Bradley



1984

King Leroy Lyons, Queen Eartha Acker



1985

King Calvin Smith, Queen Dianne Frederick



1986

King Willie Bradley, Queen Annie Bradley



1987

King Byron Curry, Queen Sharon Alexander



1988

King William Washington, Queen Charlene Haynes
Cook



1990

King Arthur Conway Represented by Kevin Avery
Queen Paula Avery



1991

King Pedro Williams Represented by Jimmie
Johnson, Queen Queen Williams



1992

King Rickey Lyons, Queen Sandra Price



1993

King Gregory Lampley, Queen Connie Payne Lampley



1994

King Alvin Showers, Queen Charlotte Frederick
Jourbert (deceased)
Represented by Courtney Frederick



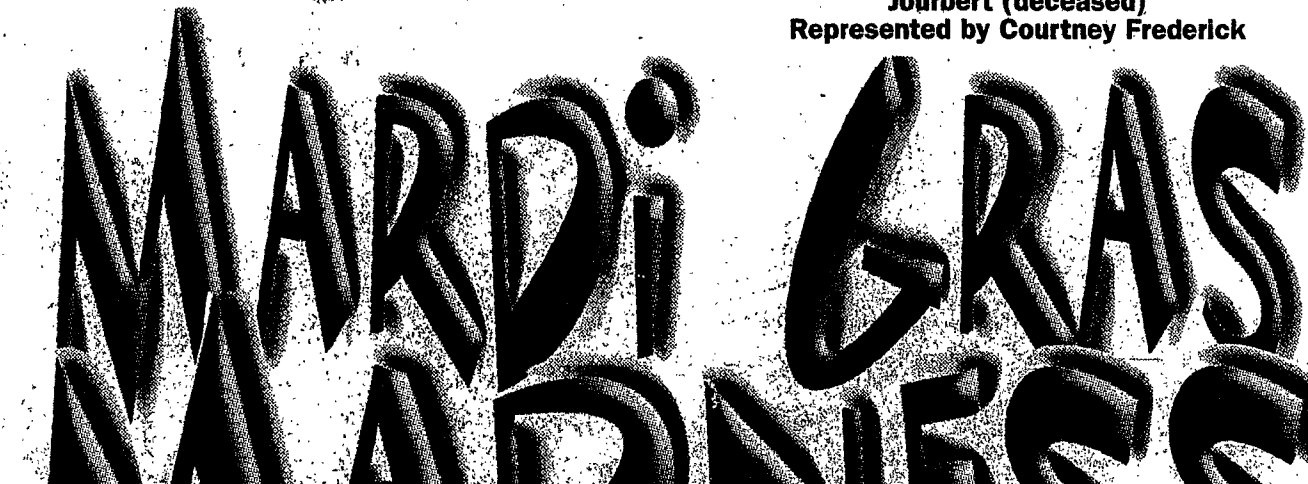
1997

King Wesley Labat, Queen Kim Bradley



1999

King Julius Theodore, Queen Candace Payne



2000

King Warren Conway, Queen Vonretta Singleton



ELDERHOSTEL VISITS BARTHE EXHIBIT

Thelma Landry, center, subject of a plaster bust by Richmond Barthé, explains the sculpting process to more than 35 members of an Elderhostel group from Gulfside United Methodist Assembly. The group visited the Richmond Barthé exhibit at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library this week.

In the stacks - Library News

Great Books discussion group to meet

As to *Humanities* by Charlotte Perkins Gilman will be the selection to be discussed at the next Great Books discussion group meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 28 at 7 p.m. in the Seal Meeting Room of the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library.

The selection is from the new volume, *And Justice For All: The Universal Declaration of Human Rights at 50*. This special volume honors the 50th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Sponsored by the Hancock County Library System, the discussion group began in March, 1990. Since that time, they have completed 110 readings from great books (Plato, Hobbes,

Locke deTocqueville), Mississippi fiction, play readings and 20 philosophical questions. The group meets every other Wednesday at 7 p.m.

The Great Books Foundation was established in 1947 by University of Chicago Chancellor Robert Maynard Hutchins. Its mission is to provide people of all ages, backgrounds and walks of life with the opportunity to read, discuss and learn from outstanding

works of literature.

Today, more than 20,000 adults are members of Great Books discussion groups, and nearly one million students participate in Junior Great Books groups for grades kindergarten through 12.

Anyone is welcome to attend the meetings. The only requirement is that you read the selection before the meeting. For information, call Jeanne Pierce at 467-5282.

Elephants and circus to highlight story hours

"Elephants" will be the theme for the children's story hour at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library on Wednesday, Feb. 28, at 10:30 a.m.

Elmer and the Lost Teddy and *The Trouble with Elephants* are the books to be read during the program. Susan Dagle, program coordinator, will assist the children in making patchwork elephants.

"Razzele Dazzle Circus" will be the theme for the children's story hour at the Kiln Public Library on Thursday, March 1, at 10:30 a.m.

Emeline at the Circus, *Sing a Song of Circus* and *Circus Fun*

are the books to be read during the program. Children will make a paper bag down.

Weekly story hours are held September through May. Programs last approximately one half hour, depending upon subject matter and planned activity.

Programs and activities are designed for pre-school-age children three to five years old who are not part of a nursery or pre-school group.

For individual branch story hour information, contact Adrienne Bradley, Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library, 467-5282; or Sandra Ladner, Kiln Public Library, 255-1724.

Republican Women's Club

The next meeting of the Hancock County Republican Women's Club will be Thursday, March 1 at 11 a.m. at the library on Hwy. 90 in Bay St. Louis.

Following the business meeting, the guest speaker will be Gulfport attorney Kaleel Salloum. Subject will be estate taxes.

Membership drive: Any lady who resides in Hancock County, is a registered voter in Mississippi and who believes in the principles of the Republican Party is invited to join the club.

Dues are \$20 per year. Meetings are conducted the first Thursday of each month at 11 a.m. and last about an hour and a half.

Registered voters from other states who reside part-time in Mississippi are also invited to join as associate members for dues of \$12 per year.

For information, call membership chairman Mary Jones at 255-9269.

Republican women's Legislation Day:

On Tuesday, March 20, Republican Club members from throughout the state will meet and register at 9 a.m. in the rotunda of the State Capitol in Jackson.

From 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. they tour the Capitol and meet with their representatives.

At 11 a.m. there will be a workshop in the Department of Transportation auditorium.

Noon is luncheon at the Galloway Methodist church.

At 2:30 p.m., all will proceed to Republican Headquarters for the unveiling of the Evelyn McPhail Torchbearer Plaque.

Prepaid reservations of \$15 are a must for the luncheon. Members will carpool to Jackson Monday, March 19, staying at Red Roof Inn for about \$40 per room (not per person).

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Community Security Forum March 7th

The Clement R. Bontemps Unit 139 of the American Legion Auxiliary will hold a Community Security Forum March 7, 10-11:30 a.m. at the Post Home on Green Meadow Road in Bay St. Louis.

The safety and security of the community will be the main focus.

Speakers scheduled to participate include Lynette Carbon, Hancock County Civil Defense; Frank McNeil, Bay St. Louis Police Chief; Robert Gavagnie, Bay St. Louis Fire Chief; Kim Stasny, Bay-Waveland Schools

Superintendent; Beau Gex, Congressman Gene Taylor's office; Hancock Bank; Coastal Security, and others.

Many of the agencies will offer booths of information to those attending. Door prizes will be given, and refreshments will be served. The public is invited to attend, and the forum is free.

Bob Waterbury, executive director of the Coast Crime Commission, will serve as master of ceremonies.

For information, contact Phyllis Moran, at 228-466-0480.

What's for Lunch? Feb. 25-Mar. 2

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Monday through Wednesday: Vacation
Thursday: Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Assorted Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice
Friday: Cinnamon-Raisin Biscuit, Assorted Cereal, Toast, Juice

LUNCH
Monday through Wednesday: Vacation
Thursday: Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Chili Dog, Whole Kernel Corn, Buttered Carrots, Mandarin Fruit Cup, Fresh Orange Smiles, Chocolate Pudding, Crackers, Yeast Roll
Friday: Chicken Nuggets, Tuna Salad, Cheesy Potatoes, Buttered Peas, Frozen Fruit Juice Bar, Fresh Fruit Bowl, Chocolate Chip Cookie, Yeast

Hancock North Central Gulfview
Charles B. Murphy and East Hancock Elementary Schools
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Bread, Dessert, Milk and Condiments
BREAKFAST

Monday through Wednesday: Vacation
Thursday: Cheese Toast, Juice
Friday: Breakfast Pizza, Juice

LUNCH
Monday through Wednesday: Vacation
Thursday: Beef-A-Roni, Shaved Ham and Cheese Poboy, Chef Salad, French Fries, Coleslaw, Steamed Carrots, Sliced Apples, Fruit Juice, Garlic Rolls, Crackers, Fruit Crisp
Friday: Chicken and Sausage Jambalaya, Texas

Grilled Cheese, Oven Fries, Whole Kernel Corn, Tossed Salad, Applesauce, Fruit Juice, Yeast Roll, Peanut Butter Cookie

Hancock High and Middle Schools
Served daily:
Chef Salad, Bread, Dessert, Milk and Condiments
LUNCH

Monday through Wednesday: Vacation
Thursday: Beef-A-Roni, Hamburger, Chef Salad, French Fries, Coleslaw, Steamed Carrots, Sliced Apples, Fruit Juice, Garlic Rolls, Crackers, Fruit Crisp
Friday: Country Fried Steak, Deli Turkey on Bun, Texas Grilled Cheese, Green Beans, Whole Kernel Corn, Tossed Salad, Applesauce, Fruit Juice, Yeast Roll, Chocolate Chip Cookie
All menus subject to change.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly

CHAPTER 233
TOPS MS 233 met Thursday, Feb. 22 at the Waveland Public Library. Best TOPS losers for the week was Elaine with 5 pounds. Best youth loser was Anna with 3/4 pound. There were 16 members present.

The incentive award was won by Anna Mae, and the gift was won by Pat.

Juanita had invited JoAnn Hillie to be guest speaker who gave an interesting talk on how she lost more than 100 pounds.

TOPS 233 meets every Thursday at the Waveland Library. Weigh-ins are 5-5:45 p.m. with the meeting following. Anyone interested in losing weight the sensible way and maintaining that weight loss is welcome to visit the TOPS 233 chapter. Interested persons are invited to call Charlotte at 467-5790.

TOPS 307 WAVELAND
TOPS MS 307 Waveland met Wednesday, Feb. 21 at the Waveland Public Library with 12 members present.

Jenny was the week's best loser. Jerri was top KOPS. Ann received the incentive award, and Jenny received the raffle.

The chapter meets every Wednesday at the Waveland Public Library. Weigh-ins are 4:30-5:15 p.m. with the meeting following.

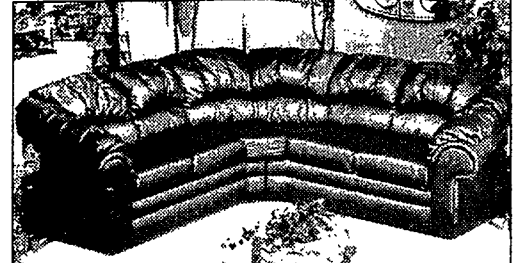
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You must be living in your home as of January 1, 2001, to qualify for homestead exemption for the current year.

The following information is needed to file your application.

- warranty deed
- cost of property
- down payment amount
- license plate numbers for vehicles registered in Hancock County (must have vehicles registered in Hancock County)
- If you are over 65 Proof of age
- If you are receiving 100% disability benefits proof of your disability.
- If you have vehicles licensed in other states you must show reason
- Is any part of the property rented?

You must re-file your homestead exemption application if A) You became 65 years of age. B) You became 100% disabled. C) You acquired a new residence. D) You acquired additional property that adjoins your homestead. E) Your marital status changed (divorced, widowed, separated etc.)

If you have any questions please call 228-467-4425 or 888-409-6239

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Births

DERIC LANE TAYLOR II
Mr. and Mrs. Deric Lane Taylor of Gulfport announce the birth of their first child, Deric Lane II, Feb. 8, 2001 at 1:32 p.m. at Garden Park Medical Center.

He weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces.

Mrs. Taylor is the former Leah Marie Carlson.

Maternal grandparents are Donald and Suzette Carlson of Gulfport.

Paternal grandparents are Jim and Pam Williams of Long Beach and Jimmy and Leah Taylor of Montgomery, Ala.

Great-grandparents include Betty Carlson of Gulfport, Joyce Ross of Metairie, Mr. and Mrs. Edd L. Emfinger of Tallahassee, Ala. and Mr. and Mrs. James B. Taylor Sr. of Tallahassee.

MERRICK MICHAEL COGHLAN

Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Coghlan announce the birth of a son, Merrick Michael, February 12, 2001, at NorthShore Regional Medical Center in Slidell.

Mrs. Coghlan is the former Tina Authement.

Maternal grandmother is Dorothea Authement of Waveland.

Paternal grandparents are Aunnette Coghlan of Hattiesburg and Charles Coghlan Sr. of Slidell.

CATHERINE RENE AUTHEMENT

Christy Ann Helms and Stanley L. Authement of Bay St. Louis announce the birth of a daughter, Catherine René, February 14, 2001 at NorthShore Regional Medical Center in Slidell.

Maternal grandparents are James Roland Helms of Hammond and the late Catherine Louise Dear Helms.

Paternal grandparents are Dorothea M. Authement of Waveland and the late Rodney B. Authement Jr.

BREANNA MARIE HOLDER

Mr. and Mrs. David DeWayne

Holder of Pearl River, La., announce the birth of a daughter, Breanna Marie, January 24, 2001 at NorthShore Regional Medical Center in Slidell.

Mrs. Holder is the former Tommie Lee Turnage.

Maternal grandmother is Hilda Mary Turnage of Arabi, La.

Paternal grandparents are Jeannine and Jack Griffith of Porter, Texas, and James and Betty Holder of Bay Town, Texas.

LAUREN ELAINE STANFORD

Brion and Deborah Stanford of Waveland announce the birth of a daughter, Lauren Elaine, January 25, 2001, at NorthShore Regional Medical Center in Slidell.

Maternal grandparents are Shirley and William Hollenbach of Covington.

Paternal grandparents are Peggy and George Stanford of Slidell.

JUSTIN TYLER FAVRE

Julia Maria Favre and Hugo Favre III of Pearlinton announce the birth of a son, Justin Tyler, January 18, 2001 at NorthShore Regional Medical Center in Slidell.

Maternal grandparents are Rodney Joseph and Denise Eileen Wilkinson of Pearlinton.

Paternal grandparents are Hugo Favre Jr. and Cindy Favre of Bay St. Louis.

KAESHIA HEAVEN MORAN

Keisha Roxanne Moran and Jason Aaron Burge of Bay St. Louis announce the birth of a daughter, Kaeshia Heaven, January 23, 2001 at NorthShore Regional Medical Center in Slidell.

Maternal grandparents are Candy S. Brister of Bay St. Louis and Timothy E. Brister Sr. of Diamondhead.

Paternal grandparents are Sharon D. Simpson and W. Kelvin Burge, both of Kiln.



Boeing, Rocketdyne Propulsion and Power recently provided a donation to the Hancock Vo-Tech Center to enhance activities in Technology Applications classrooms. On hand for the presentation were, from left, Boeing Education Relations Brad Roundtree, Senator Scottie Cuevas, Hancock High Counselor Nancy Smith, Boeing Community and Education Relations Specialist Joyce Lawrence, Vo-Tech Center Director Rick Saucier, Boeing Site Director Dave Geiger, Technology Applications Instructor Michael Snodgrass, and Superintendent Mike Ladner. Tech Apps students seated include, from left, Adam McCain, Christie Mitchell, Chrissy Shelton, and Jimmy Villareal.

Hancock Vo-Tech receives donation from Boeing, Rocketdyne Propulsion

The Hancock County Vocational Technical Center recently received a monetary donation from Boeing, Rocketdyne Propulsion and Power located at Stennis Space Center.

The funds will be used to enhance module activities taking place in the Vo-Tech Center's Technology Applications classroom.

In addition, Boeing, Rocketdyne Propulsion and Power employee Brad Roundtree will be spending time with the students in the Tech Apps class to assist them in understanding the importance of applying concepts learned in the modules to the world of work.

Prior to the donation presentation, David Geiger, Boeing, Rocketdyne Propulsion and Power site director, noted that the Boeing Company is committed to providing students with

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D'Head Garden Club meets March 21

The Diamondhead Garden Club will meet March 21 at 10 a.m. in the Community Center. Sandra Clark will provide a photo journey through gardens she has visited around the world.

Diamondhead gardeners are slowly recovering from the difficult winter.

Gardens-of-the-Month are: Residential Garden - Mr. and Mrs. William Welch, 8421 Makiki Dr.

Commercial Garden - POA for the specimen planting at the front entrance

Don't panic if you see yellowing leaves on your broadleaf evergreens (azaleas, gardenias, hollies and such). Although the leaves stay green all year, they do eventually grow old and die.

You will notice these yellowing leaves are the ones farthest from the tip of the branch. Sometimes as much as a third



Residential Garden of Mr. and Mrs. William Welch, 8421 Makiki Drive.

of the leaves may drop.

This differs from chlorosis, which is a yellowing of leaves caused by lack of iron. A plant with chlorosis will have yellow-

ing of all leaves, not just the older ones, and the leaves will have green veins.

The solution to these different problems is to let nature take its course in the first case, and to use a fertilizer with chelated iron in the second. (Source: Dan Gill, horticulturist)

Anyone interested in joining the garden club may contact Membership Chairman Kathi Jackson at 255-9977. The club meets monthly from September through May. Both men and women are welcome as members.

For information, contact Liz Winsted at 255-6670.



Commercial Garden of Diamondhead POA, specimen planting at front entrance.

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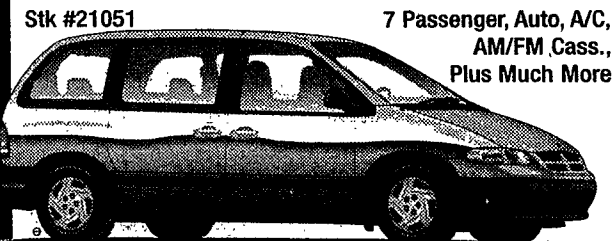
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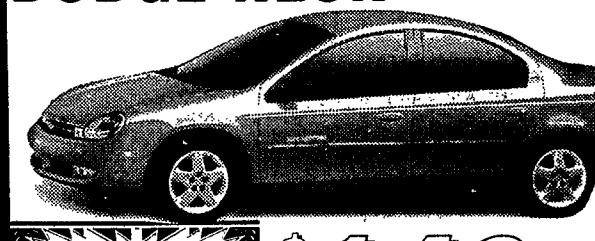
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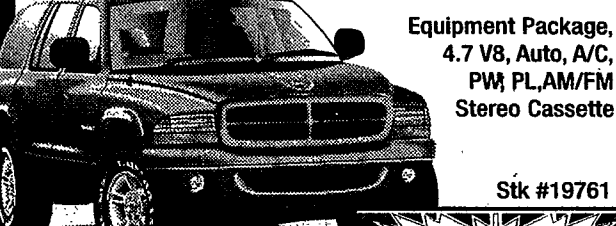
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Al Watkins, chief of the science lab at Stennis Space Center, will lead us on our exploration of outer space and will also present a slide show at Pinecote Pavilion. Call (601)-799-2311, ext. 21, to register. Members, \$5; non-members, \$8.

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Saturday, March 3,
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Children will learn to set up their own compost bins in their own backyards and will learn how to compost properly. They will also discover the importance of recycling and the steps that they can take to recycle at home.

Reservations are required by Friday, March 21. Call (601)-799-2311, ext. 21, to register. Member children, \$2; non-members, \$3; 4-H members, free.

Kids: Wildlife Day

Thursday, March 9,
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Schoolchildren of all ages will love this special day devoted to Mississippi Wildlife. Live animals will be on display and short presentations will be given by their caretakers on their feeding and life habits.

Falcons, alligators, owls, birds, fish, and snakes will be just some of the wildlife on hand. Free to school classes but call to register your group at (601)-799-2311, extension 21.

The general public is welcome to attend. The list of wildlife exhibitors will include: Scranton Nature Center and Museum - turtles, Camp Tiak - Red-tailed hawk and American Kestrel Falcon.

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Saturday and Sunday,
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Member Sale:
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Mardi Gras Music Schedule:

Sunday, Feb. 25: Primetime, noon-4 p.m.
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Monday, Feb. 26: Reggie Hall & The Twilighters 1-5 p.m. and 8 p.m.-1 a.m. in the main lobby, free
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Tuesday, Feb. 27: Reggie Hall & The Twilighters, 1-5 p.m., main lobby free
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USMGC instructor cited by Stephen King

University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast continuing education writing instructor and former Pocket Books editor Michael Garrett is credited as the first editor and publisher of Stephen King in King's new non-fiction book for writers entitled "On Writing: A Memoir of the Craft."

"I was editor and publisher of a small circulation publication called *Comics Review* in 1964," Garrett, also an author, says.

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Currently an editorial associate of the Writer's Digest School, Garrett presents his

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All sessions are open to both beginning and intermediate writers with no pre-requisites required.

For information, call USM at (228) 867-8777.

Cost is \$79 per day workshop, \$49 for an evening manuscript critique session. A 10% discount is available for enrollment in all four.

To learn more about the workshops themselves, visit Garrett's web site at <http://www.manuscriptcritique.com>.

D'Head Performing Arts Society presents 'An Evening with Bach' March 18th

The Diamondhead Performing Arts Society announces its next performance will be Sunday, March 18 at 7 p.m. at the Diamondhead Country Club.

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In the year 2000 he per-

formed in New Orleans, New York City, Marseilles, France; Salt Lake City, Utah; Bethlehem, Pa.; Rome, Italy; Washington, D.C. and Ann Arbor, Mich. As he finished the last note of each concert, Father Sean would be reminded of the spiritual effect of Bach's music through the eyes of those who sat transfixed to the master's musical message.

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75 Years of Disney Magic will be at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum March 22-25 for six performances. To discover more about Disney On Ice, log on to www.DisneyOnIce.com. Tickets are on sale at the Coliseum box office or through Ticketmaster.

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THE MAN WHO BURIED JESUS



JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA, A RICH MAN, WAS A SECRET DISCIPLE OF JESUS. MANY WEALTHY JEWS OF THE TIME WERE FINANCING REVOLUTIONARY GROUPS IN THE HOPE OF OVERTHROWING ROMAN RULE IN THEIR LAND - FOR, BESIDES THE HIGH ROMAN TAXES, THEIR ANCIENT RELIGION WAS IN DANGER OF BEING STAMPED OUT! WHETHER JOSEPH SAW IN JESUS, THE PROCLAIMED MESSIAH, A MAN WHO WOULD END ROMAN RULE OR IF HE UNDERSTOOD AT THE OUTSET THAT JESUS WAS CONCERNED WITH MAN'S FUTURE IN ITS SPIRITUAL ASPECT ONLY, IS NOW HARD TO SAY.



AS AN EXTREMELY WEALTHY MAN, JOSEPH WAS A MEMBER OF THE SANHEDRIN, THE HIGHEST RULING COUNCIL IN JERUSALEM. WHEN THE SANHEDRIN LAID PLANS TO DESTROY JESUS, HE MADE NO PROTEST WHATSOEVER. INDEED, IF HE HAD, HIS OWN LIFE WOULD HAVE BEEN ENDANGERED. IT'S QUITE POSSIBLE HE FIGURED HE WAS WORTH MORE TO THE CAUSE ALIVE RATHER THAN DEAD!

IT IS INDICATIVE OF THE MAN'S HIGH POSITION THAT, RIGHT AFTER JESUS' DEATH ON THE CROSS, JOSEPH COULD GAIN AUDIENCE, IN THE DEAD OF NIGHT, WITH PONTIUS PILATE TO OBTAIN PERMISSION TO REMOVE THE BODY FROM THE CROSS AND BURY IT, WHICH HE AND NICODEMUS, ANOTHER RULER OF THE JEWS AND SECRET ADMIRER OF JESUS, DID.

SOME AUTHORITIES ARE AGREED THAT IN THE YEAR 63 THE APOSTLE ST. PHILIP DISPATCHED JOSEPH TO GREAT BRITAIN WHERE HE LIVED OUT HIS REMAINING YEARS IN COMPANY WITH HIS BROTHER DISCIPLES AT GLASTONBURY.

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ON LIFEBy Father Jerome
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Those benefits would put him at the same level as the rest of the NFL owners.

No matter where we are, where we go or what we do, we are always looking for the best deal at any given time and under any given circumstances. Whenever bargains are advertised, shoppers fall over one another in their haste to make a deal and, at least in their minds, "save money."

What would you say is the best offer ever made to you in your entire life?

Search carefully, think it through and see whether you come up with anything comparable to what Jesus offers you. Jesus says to each of us: "Let's make a deal, and you will never regret it now and especially at life's end."

The deal? "Do not judge, and you will not be judged" (Matthew 7:1).

In case you were scanning your memory for big and sweet offers made to you in the material world, think again. In their material context, there may have been bigger, seemingly better offers made to you. However, within the overall context of life, they pale compared to what Jesus offers us.

You see, whatever deal you may make in the material realm comes to an end sooner or later, quite often much sooner than later. Nothing lasts. While you may enjoy the benefits of your deal intensely, there is always the sword hanging over you head ever ready to cut it off at some point.

Think about it. If you do not judge any of your sisters or brothers, Jesus will give you safe passage to heaven on judgment day without bothering to ask you any questions or to pass any judgment on you.

This has to be a deal to stop all deals, because this deal enables you to guarantee your eternal future which begins at the particular judgment and is sealed at the general, final judgment. You have the guarantee of being not judged but waved into heaven, provided

you leave the guilt of others to God.

But you may object that this deal is, you hope, far into the future, whereas you have a lot of good living to do right now. What you want is the best deal you can make for the here-and-now life which you treasure.

Voila! The big deal struck with Jesus also has deep and far-reaching consequences in the everyday nuts-and-bolts realities of the here and now. With the obviously huge spiritual benefit of an easy final judgment come some not-so-obvious daily, practical bonuses which greatly enhance our life.

The greatest of these bonuses has to be relief from the strain, negative stress, annoyance, repugnance, distaste, futility, wasted energy, wasted time and uncomfortable absorption into a constant, unrelenting effort to read the minds, motives, intent and guilt of people around us, even away from us.

How do you spell relief? There can be no doubt that our most basic relief springs from forgiving and being forgiven, which in turn originate from our abandoning the unbearable, self-imposed burden of judging guilt in others.

What a relief not to be bent under the endless affliction of trying to interpret what we cannot see, but only surmise from very deceptive indications.

We have a terrible time of it straining to read and interpret our own minds, motives, intent and guilt. What chance do we stand, then, of reading and interpreting the mind, motives, intent and guilt of any other human being?

It is self-evident that such judgments are the main source of misinformation, ill will, pointless arguments, bad relationships and, not infrequently, hatred.

Far more than we realize, relief from judging cuts all our bonds, setting us free to such an extent that our spirit can soar and our beleaguered minds can relax whether we are alone or in the company of another, several or many.

In fact, one of the best definitions of peace is the ability and facility to relax under all conditions and in the presence of anyone whatsoever. What an enormous blessing to be able to relax no matter who is present!

The reality is, you will relax completely if you do not burden yourself with digging into the minds, motives, intentions and guilt of those around you.

What a deal! Do not judge, and you will not be judged. And you can relax.

Alzheimers Caregivers
Support Group meets

Alzheimers Caregivers Support Group meets at NorthShore Regional Medical Center on the first Saturday of every month at 10 a.m.

The meetings are located in the Gardenia Room at the Women's Center.

Help and support for caregivers is the focus of these meetings. A video dealing with patient care problems is shown followed by a discussion of specific problems within the group.

Short- and long-term planning will be updated and addressed and care issues will be discussed.

Jim Welch, group facilitator, is a retired engineer and 10-year care-

giver for his wife. He cared for his wife 8 1/2 years at home and is now caring for her in a facility.

Ms. Rand-Hardy, co-facilitator, has an extensive background and education in teaching and counseling.

All who are caregivers or who have loved ones in any stage of Alzheimers Disease are welcomed into the group.

The meeting is associated with the Aldersgate Angels Program and the Alzheimers Association of Greater New Orleans.

For more information, call Jim Welch at 504-871-1023 or Genie May of the Angels Program at 504-641-5843.

The "Word" for the Week
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If you've ever had a guilty conscience, you know the problem. Guilt means violation. You've crossed the line. You are due a penalty. "The wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23).

Christ went to the cross to die in the place of needy people to give answer to their need. "He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross" (1 Peter 2:24).

This payment for sin brings us out from under the penalty of death. This payment for sin also gives us life. "The free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23).

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Abraham was a prototype. He approached God with the liabilities of wrongdoing and guilt. He also approached God with faith.

Abraham's faith expressed his emptiness. His faith also revealed a trust in the adequacy of the Savior. Galatians 3:13-14 gives a beautiful summary.

"Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us - or it is written, 'Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree' - in order that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we would receive the promise of the Spirit through faith."

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Doing the
Right Thing

Doing the right thing is not always easy. It may involve a sacrifice on our part, or having to do something that we really don't feel like doing. Going to your child's little league ball game after a hard day's work; attending a church function; or visiting a sick friend may involve extra effort on our part, but it may be the right thing to do. There are also thousands of worthwhile organizations requesting and needing our financial support, and trying to determine where we will donate our hard-earned money is not an easy task. We know that we should pray about everything, and the Bible tells us that our purpose is to do what is right, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of man (2 Cor. 8:21). Everyone needs help and support at times, and being there for those in need reflects God's love and is the right thing to do. God loves a cheerful giver - that includes our time, talents and money.

You know that Christ is righteous; you should know, then, that everyone who does what is right is God's child

Good News Bible 1 John 2:29



St. Ann-St. John Church News

It is impossible for that man to despair who remembers that his helper is omnipotent.

Jeremy Taylor
Oh, Sovereign Lord, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for you.
Jeremiah 32:17

The Lord is good. When trouble comes, He is the place to go. And He knows everyone who trusts in Him.
Nahum 1:7

Father, thank you that no matter what is ahead for me, I can be secure because of your presence.
Amen.

Feb. 28 is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. Ashes will

be distributed after the 8:30 a.m. mass and after the weekend masses.

Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence.

St. Patrick's Day draw-down party will be after St. Ann's 5 p.m. mass in the parish hall.

Church yard
sale Saturday

First Assembly of God Church, 1912 Arnold Street in Waveland will conduct a giant indoor yard sale Saturday, March 3 between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Ministerial Alliance elects officers

The Hancock County Ministerial Alliance held its monthly meeting Feb. 22 at the Waveland Holiday Inn.

Officers for the coming year were elected: Rev. J. E. Banashak, (First Assembly of God Church) was elected president; Fr. Francis Theriault, (St. Rose de Lima Church) was elected vice presi-

dent; and Rev. Tyrone Dastugue (Word of Faith Christian Fellowship) was elected secretary/treasurer.

The Hancock County Ministerial Alliance meets every fourth Thursday at 10 a.m. at the Waveland Holiday Inn. All ministers from the Hancock County churches are welcome.

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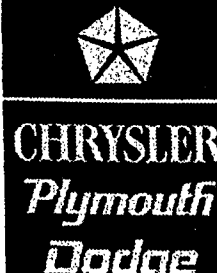
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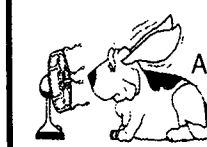
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Wilson named Hancock Schools Parent of Year

Cathy Wilson of Diamondhead has been selected Hancock County School District's Parent of the Year for the 2000-2001 school year.

She is the wife of Duane Wilson and mother of three daughters, Katie, Melissa, and Laura. Wilson has devoted her time to volunteering at East Hancock Elementary in Kiln through serving as president of the Parent Teacher Organization for the current year and PTO Treasurer in 1999-2000.

In addition, Wilson actively co-chairs the Playground, Butterfly Garden, Fall Fling and Spring Fling committees at East Hancock.

She not only serves in a committee capacity but also volunteers in the school library 10-20 hours each week, participates in the first grade Reading PAL Program, and assists with the site-based leadership team.

Most recently, Wilson has helped plan, organize, and fund-raise for the visit March 15 to East Hancock of Jim Trelease, one of the most sought-after education speakers.

When not volunteering at the school, she is active in Girl Scouts as an assistant Brownie Troop leader, teaches Sunday School and Vacation Bible School, and acts as chaplain for the Gulf Coast Mothers of Twin organization.

This concern for children has enriched the Hancock County School District and provided Wilson such a well-deserved recognition as district parent of the year.

She will represent the Hancock County School District in the statewide selection of one Parent of the Year sponsored by the Mississippi State Department of Education.

Looking for foster parents

The Humane Society of South Mississippi is in desperate need of homes to shelter a dog or cat with special needs or to assist in the care of a litter of puppies or kittens until they are old enough to be adopted at the shelter.

"It's not their fault they are here, but you can help today by sharing your home and your time to give them a second chance," said Karen Sinopoli, executive director.

Those able to assist some of these animals, please call the shelter at 863-4394 for information on the foster parent program.

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CHAPTER 233

TOPS MS 233 met Thursday, Feb. 15 at the Waveland Public Library. Best TOPS losers for the week was Judy with 5 1/2 pounds. Best KOPS losers were Debbie and Lisa with 1 3/4 pounds each. Youth loser was Anna with 1 3/4 pounds. There were 24 members present.

Incentive was won by Rose, who donated it to the club, and the gift was won by Anna Mae. The program was presented by Debbie, Karen and Lisa, a skit called "The Supporters."

TOPS 233 meets every Thursday at the Waveland Library. Weigh-ins are 5-5:45 p.m. with the meeting following. Anyone interested in losing weight the sensible way and maintaining that weight loss is welcome to visit the TOPS 233 chapter. Interested persons are invited to call Charlotte at 467-5790.

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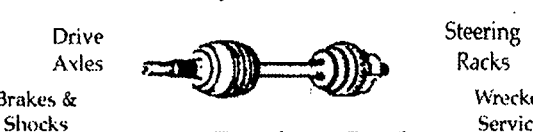
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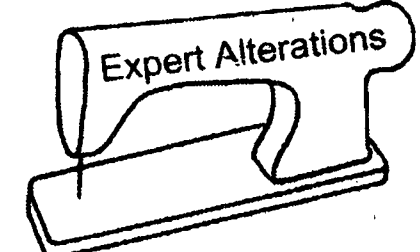
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2 BEDROOM, 2 BATH, JEWEL BUILT-INS, inside washer/dryer, central air/heat, fenced yard. 245 A Citizen St., BSL \$575/month. 985-863-3357.

2 BR, LAUNDRY ROOM, LARGE KITCHEN, large bath, large living room, fenced, washer & dryer hook-ups. \$350 rent \$200 deposit. 467-3496.

2/BR, 1/BA, HOUSE NEWLY REMODELED, central a/h, vinyl siding on large lot. Located in Waveland. \$550/mo. plus deposit. 255-3518.

3/BR, 2 FULL BATHS, LIVING room, den, & kitchen with refrigerator & stove. \$550/mo. 265 Washington Street, and Third Ave. B.S.L. Section 8 welcome. 831-3669.

3/BR, 2/BA, IN WAVELAND, VERY CLEAN, w/d hook-ups, big yard. \$700/mo. \$700/dep. 467-7023. After 5pm.

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156 Lots/Acreage

DIAMONDHEAD: 9.678 ACRES FOR sale. Development site for 164 units as Condominiums, Multi-family, or Retirement Housing Facility. Owner Financing Available. Ellis Realty Group, 102 West Beach Blvd. Pass Christian, MS 39571 (228)452-9999.

FOR SALE: DIAMONDHEAD MAIN CHANNEL waterfront lot 105 on water one of four remaining. \$195,000. 504-643-0378.

MOBILE HOME LOTS, WAVELAND and Pass Christian area with well and septic. Owner financing. \$500/down. Call McKenzie Realty, 392-0039.

158 Commercial Property

1,000 SQUARE FT. RENOVATED OFFICE space available. For more information call 466-4848.

7 ACRES JUST OUTSIDE DIAMONDHEAD adjacent to new storage facility and office plaza. Will sell all or part. 255-0403

DOCTOR OFFICE SPACE AVAILABLE 1200 sq. ft. next to Hancock Medical Center. \$850/mo. 467-8392 467-5516.

FOR RENT: 1200 SQ. FT. COMMERCIAL building. Downtown Bay St. Louis. 586-2344.

FOR RENT: 215 HIGHWAY 90, WAVELAND. GOOD location, heavy traffic, small building. 504-286-3819 leave message on recorder.

FOR SALE OR LEASE: HWY 603 AT Twin Bayou. 1 acre, excellent business locations. 500' w/ 150 on the Hwy zoned C-2. City water & sewer. \$700/month or \$89,500. 342-0246.

NEW COMMERCIAL OFFICE BUILDING for rent just behind Diamondhead. Corner of Kapalama and Tina Lander Road. \$400/per month. 255-0403.

NICE NEIGHBORHOOD. 2 bedroom house and much more! Large fenced yard on the water. BEAT STRESS. 466-2852.

OFFICE SPACE AVAILABLE: HWY 90 1200 sq. ft. Call 467-4437 467-5516.

OFFICE SPACE FOR RENT: PASS Christian corner St. Louis & Henderson. 1250 square feet. \$700/mo. adjacent space available. Prudential Agent 864-4411. Page Gwen 880-1150.

PROFESSIONAL OFFICE SPACE FOR lease 804 Hwy 90 BSL. 1200 square feet. 467-4594.

SEVERAL EXCELLENT BUSINESS Locations Hwy 603 & Waveland Klin Cut-off. High traffic count & visibility. 342-0965.

STORAGE DIAMONDHEAD, CLEAN, dry, safe. \$1.00 off 1st month, check our prices. Call 255-7992.

159 Houses For Sale

10 ACRE WITH 3 MOBILE HOMES each w/it's own well & septic. This one can be a money maker! \$69,900. Call for details today. Key Properties, 467-0600.

2/BR, 1/BA, HOUSE NEWLY REMODELED, central a/h, vinyl siding on large lot. Located in Waveland. \$75,000. 255-3518.

3 BEDROOM, 1 BATH, NEWLY Remodeled fenced yard, very nice, \$90,000. 342-0358, 463-1259.

4/BR, 2/BA, SURROUNDED BY CASINO Magic golf course, close to everything appraised at \$135,000. Owner/agent. 467-6093.

New Custom Built 4 Bedroom Home \$142,000 (2443 sq. ft.)
Located in exclusive Idlewood Subdivision, Waveland.
For appointment call:
Garcia & Sons Development
467-3601 (Philip) or
341-3601 (Jason).

WATERFRONT - \$75,800
Minutes to Jourdan River on canal, 3BR/2BA, whimsy room, FP, skylights, new ac, refrig., & stove. Assumeable FHA Mortgage for qualified buyer.
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467-4479 or 493-2679 (cell)

FOR SALE: NEW 3/BR, 2/BA, BRICK home on 2 acres in Klin Ms. Asking \$100,000. O.B.O. 601-749-0014.

HOUSE FOR SALE: OWNER WILL finance 3 bdrm. 1.5 bath home on corner lot. Screened porch, separate garage. \$64,000. Key Properties Inc. 467-0600.

I WILL PAY TOP \$ FOR YOUR PROPERTY, any condition. Will pay all closing cost. Agents protected. O/A. (504)908-7653.

INSURANCE FOR YOUR HOME: CALL Paul Smith Insurance Agency, 467-4607 or 467-6004.

OWNER FINANCE: 2 bedroom home, \$23,000. Needs water & sewer hook-ups. 5030 Evelyn Place, Clermont. Gold Coast, 467-4479, cell 493-2679.

OWNER FINANCING - 2BD, 1BA, central air/heat, all appliances. Porch & deck. Call Ms. Wells, 467-1951.

REDUCED FOR QUICK SALE! 3BR, cathedral ceilings, fireplace. 245 Pine Ridge, Waveland. \$85,000. Gold Coast, 467-4479, cell 493-2679.

WILSON ST. OFF HARBOR DR. New A/C, Privacy fence, park-like grounds. Sit on 1/3 acre. \$65,000. Call Gold Coast Realty. 228-467-4479.

Public Notices

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CARROLL E. GLINDMEYER, DECEASED

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK
Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 30 day of June 2000, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned Executor on the estate of Carroll E. Glindmeyer, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to the law within ninety (90) days from the date of the first publication of this notice or they will be forever barred.
THIS 8th day of February, 2001
JOYCE B GLINDMEYER
Executor
2/11, 2/18, 2/25/01

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LENOX SHAW, DECEASED
BY GLORINE WILSON AND CECILIA DOT SHAW, PETITIONERS

SUMMONS
CAUSE NO. 2001-070
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
TO UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF LENOX SHAW, DECEASED

You have been made a Defendant in the estate filed in this court by GLORINE WILSON AND CECILIA DOT SHAW, Petitioners, seeking to establish the will of the decedent, LENOX SHAW, deceased, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire. You must also file the original of your response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time after the 8th day of February, 2001.
(Seal)

Timothy Keller
Chancery Clerk
Bay St. Louis
Hancock County, MS 39520
By Janet Lader
Deputy Clerk
2/11, 2/18, 2/25/2001

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ALICIA FAVRE, DECEASED
BY RAE ANN NORMAND, ADMINISTRATRIX

SUMMONS
CAUSE NO. 2001-086
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
TO UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF ALICIA FAVRE, DECEASED

You have been made a Defendant in the estate filed in this court by Rae Ann Normand initiating a civil action alleging that, Rae Ann Normand and others named in the complaint are the sole and only heirs at law of ALICIA FAVRE, deceased, and seeking an adjudication of such heirship.
You are summoned to appear and defend against the complaint or petition filed against you in this action at 9:30 O'Clock A.M. on the 19th day of March, 2001, in the courtroom of the Hancock County Chancery Court at 306 Highway 90, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, 39520 and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire. You must also file the original of your response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time after the 8th day of February, 2001.
(Seal)

Timothy Keller
Chancery Clerk
Bay St. Louis
Hancock County, MS 39520
By Janet Lader
Deputy Clerk
2/11, 2/18, 2/25/2001

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DWIGHT PETER GUILLOT, DECEASED
BY CYNTHIA GUILLOT, PETITIONER

SUMMONS
CAUSE NO. 2001-092
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
TO THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF DWIGHT PETER GUILLOT, DECEASED

You have been made a defendant in the suit filed in this court by Cynthia Guillot, Petitioner, seeking to establish the heirs at law of DWIGHT PETER GUILLOT, deceased. Defendants in this action other than you are Stacey Lynn Guillot, Dwight Peter Guillot, Jr., and Robert B. Winn, Jr. You are summoned to appear and defend against the complaint or petition filed against you in this action at 9:30 a.m. in the Chancery Court of the 20th day of March, 2001 in the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, and in the event of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the relief or other things demanded in the complaint or petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading, but you may do so if you desire. Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 7th day of February, 2001.
(Seal)

Tim A. Keller, Chancery Clerk
By: Erica Candlish
Deputy Clerk

2/11, 2/18, 2/25/2001

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
CAUSE NO. 2001-093

JOHN H. OSTRUM AND ILLENE S. OSTRUM PLAINTIFFS
VERSUS
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF OWANA HAMPTON FARLEY, AND ROBERT B. WINN, IF ALIVE OR IF DEAD THEN THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF ROBERT B. WINN, AND MRS. ROBERT B. WINN, IF ALIVE OR IF DEAD THEN THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF MRS. ROBERT B. WINN, AND ANY AND ALL PERSONS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY INTEREST IN THE LAND DESCRIBED HEREIN

DEFENDANTS
SUMMONS
(Service by Publication: Residence Unknown)
TO THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF OWANA HAMPTON FARLEY, ROBERT B. WINN, IF ALIVE OR IF DEAD THEN THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF ROBERT B. WINN, AND MRS. ROBERT B. WINN, IF ALIVE OR IF DEAD THEN THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF MRS. ROBERT B. WINN, AND ANY AND ALL OTHER PERSONS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE INTEREST OR TITLE IN AND TO THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN, BELOW ALL OF WHOM ARE NOT KNOWN, RESIDENTS OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI AND WHOSE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS IS UNKNOWN AFTER DILIGENT SEARCH AND INQUIRY AND WHOSE PRESENT ADDRESS IS UNKNOWN, RESIDENCE ARE UNKNOWN AFTER DILIGENT SEARCH AND INQUIRY.

You have been made Defendants in the lawsuit filed in this Court by JOHN H. OSTRUM AND ILLENE S. OSTRUM Plaintiffs, whose address is 1748 Highway 2, East, Arkdale, WI 54613.

The Complaint filed against you has initiated a civil action alleging that John H. Ostrum and Illene S. Ostrum are the owners in fee simple of the property described as follows, to-wit:

Lot 61, 62 & 63, Square 220, Bayside Park Subdivision, Unit 3, Hancock County, Mississippi.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the complaint or petition filed against you in this action at 9:30 O'Clock A.M. on the 21st day of March, 2001, in the courtroom of the Hancock County Chancery Court at 306 Highway 90, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, 39520 and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition.

Witness my signature and official seal this 9th day of February, 2001.
(SEAL)

LARRINELL SCARBOROUGH
DEPUTY CLERK
TIMOTHY KELLAR
CLERK OF COURT
2/11, 2/18, 2/25/01

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PEARL B. BORDELON a/k/a PEARLY B. BORDELON

ADMINISTRATRIX'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS
2001-095
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 8th day of Feb, 2001, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the Estate of Pearl B. Bordelon a/k/a Pearly B. Bordelon, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from this date, or they will be forever barred.

THIS 8th day of February, A.D. 2001.

BETTY COLLINS
Administratrix
GEX & ARTIGUES
Lucien M. Gex, Jr.
700 Highway 90
P.O. Box 47
Waveland, MS 39576-0047
(228) 467-5426
MS Bar No. 4059
2/11, 2/18, 2/25/01

Public Notices

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK
EXECUTOR'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS
OF JOHN D. JOHNSON, SR.

CAUSE NO. 2001-099
Letters testamentary having been granted on the 15th day of February, 2001, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the estate of John D. Johnson, Sr., deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to law within 90 days from this date, or they will be forever barred.
This 15th day of February, A.D. 2001
JOHN D. JOHNSON, JR.
EXECUTOR

Haas and Haas Attorneys
201 N. Second Street
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
(228) 467-6574
MS Bar No. 5091
2/18, 2/25, 3/4/2001

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
ANNIE LOUISE WILLIAMS PLAINTIFF
VERSUS
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF ALFRED O. WILLIAMS, DECEASED
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
TO Unknown heirs at law of Alfred O. Williams, who was also known as Alfred Williams, and Mural Williams, deceased, notice is hereby given to the State of Mississippi after diligent search and inquiry, and whose last known places of residence, street and post office addresses are and remain unknown to Plaintiff after diligent search and inquiry made to ascertain same.

YOU HAVE BEEN MADE A DEFENDANT IN THE SUIT FILED IN THIS COURT BY ANNIE LOUISE WILLIAMS, SEEKING COMPLAINT FOR DECLARATION OF HEIRSHIP.

YOU ARE SUMMONED TO APPEAR AND DEFEND AGAINST THIS COMPLAINT OR PETITION FILED AGAINST YOU IN THIS ACTION AT 9:30 O'CLOCK A.M. ON THE 22ND DAY OF MARCH, 2001, IN THE COURTROOM OF THE CHANCERY COURT, AT THE HANCOCK COUNTY COURTHOUSE AT BAY ST. LOUIS, MISSISSIPPI, AND IN CASE OF YOUR FAILURE TO APPEAR AND DEFEND A JUDGMENT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER THINGS DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT OR PETITION.

YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO FILE AN ANSWER OR OTHER PLEADING, BUT YOU MAY DO SO IF YOU DESIRE.

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 15th day of February, 2001.

Timothy A. Keller
Chancery Clerk of
Hancock County, Mississippi
By: Janet Lader D.C.

DATED 2/15/01
2/18, 2/25, 3/4/2001

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
HANCOCK COUNTY
EXECUTOR'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS
#2001-132

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 20th day of February, 2001 by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the Estate of LAURICE V. COX, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said Estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for Probate and registration according to law within 90 days from this date, or they will be forever barred.

This 20th day of February, 2001
MARIA D. COX, EXECUTRIX
CLEMENT S. BENVENUTTI
125 Court Street
P.O. Box 585
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
(228) 467-5426
MS BAR NO. 2435
2/25, 3/4, 3/11/2001

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Reference: Webre Road Water and Sewer Extension to serve Port Bienville Industrial Park.

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids for "Webre Road Water and Sewer Extension to serve Port Bienville Industrial Park," Hancock County, Mississippi, will be received by the Bay St. Louis Port & Harbor Commission at 708 Highway 90, Waveland, Mississippi 39576, until 2:00 PM CST, Tuesday, March 27, 2001.

All bids should clearly be marked on the outside of the envelope "SEALED BID FOR WEBRE ROAD WATER AND SEWER EXTENSION."

All prospective bidders are cautioned that, in order to be valid, bids over \$50,000.00 must clearly show the Contractor's Mississippi Certificate of Responsibility Number both on the outside of the bid envelope as well as a part of the bid package itself.

A complete set of Contract Documents may be examined and obtained at the office of the Design Engineer, Compton Engineering, P.A., 3038 Longfield Drive, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, telephone (228) 467-2770 by qualified and licensed contractors upon payment of \$50.00. The payment is non-refundable. Contract Documents also may be examined at the Hancock County Port & Harbor Commission office at 708 Highway 90, Waveland, Mississippi 39576, telephone (228) 467-9231.

The Contractor shall be a qualified general building contractor. The Contractor shall be a licensed contractor in the state of Mississippi.

The Commission reserves the right to waive any informalities and/or to reject all bids, as well as to postpone the award of any Contract for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days from the bid opening.

PORT AND HARBOR COMMISSION
By: Harry J. Farve, Secretary

2/25, 3/4/2001

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HIGHWAY 90, 75' x 250' back to Camellia street. Presently used as beauty parlor & jewelry store plus large repair shop in rear! \$235,000 call Harris MLS#116500.

WAVELAND ARCADIA BAY! In Blue Heron Cove. Approx. 1yr young 3bdrm 2 1/2 bath, master on 1st level, plus bonus room. Energy eff. High ceilings, 2 car garage. \$238,000 Call Harris MLS#116228

CHECK THIS ONE OUT! Close to beach on deep lot. 3br/2ba w/room for expansion. Great price \$158, 500 call Helene for details. MLS#116499.

AREA 03

WALK TO BEACH and old town Bay St. Louis. Darling 2 bdrm cottage with wood walls, ceiling and gleaming hardwood floors. Kitchen updated 2 years ago. Live in cottage and build another home on large lot. One of a kind, must see. Call Lynne MLS#116785.

NEWLY REMODELED COTTAGE with great layout and dynamic decor Ready to move in with all appliances. Spacious 1BR/1 bath is a short walk to the Bay. Call Boo MLS#116849.

AREA 04

2 BR/1 BA WITH PRIVATE BOAT LAUNCH, great view, large screen porch with swing, also a separate game room great for playing pool. Call Bea MLS#115080

AREA 08

NORTH OF LONG BEACH PEACEFUL COUNTRY HOME. Barn with horse stall, inground swimming pool, hot tub, situated on 5 beautiful acres, security system, privacy with beautiful sunsets, Call Marjorie \$259,900. MLS#114359,

Public Notices

REQUIRED ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT
(UNAUDITED)
FROM NONPROFIT WATER SYSTEMS
PAGE 1 OF 2

DIAMONDHEAD WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT
REPORTS OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR
THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2000

RECEIPTS
SEWER & WATER BILLS \$2,227,514
HOOK UP CHARGES 421,191
INTEREST INCOME \$2,440
LOANS AND GRANTS -
SALE OF INVESTMENTS -

OTHER INCOME AND RECEIPTS 32,736
TOTAL RECEIPTS \$2,733,881
EXPENDITURES
SALARIES \$537,892
BOARD PER DIEM -
FRINGE BENEFITS 26,359
OFFICE SUPPLIES 31,487
UTILITIES 142,441
INSURANCE 176,478
REPAIRS 223,776
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES 37,126
TRAVEL AND AUTO 28,429

CAPITAL OUTLAY -
EQUIPMENT \$5,873
CONSTRUCTION 4,226
CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS 352,762
DEBT PAYMENTS -
PRINCIPAL 324,870
INTEREST 185,120
PURCHASE OF INVESTMENTS 99,095
OTHER EXPENDITURES 90,696

TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$2,357,452
EXCESS RECEIPTS OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES \$376,429
BEGINNING CASH \$583,698
INVESTMENTS \$553,905
ENDING \$1,260,127

DEBT \$4,413,850 \$4,088,980
I CERTIFY TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE THIS REPORT TO BE A COMPLETE AND ACCURATE REPORT OF THE RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF THE DIAMONDHEAD WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2000.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 79-11-197, MISS. CODE ANN., AND THE CORPORATION'S BYLAWS, THE DATE OF THE ANNUAL MEETING WAS 2/12/2001

Kenneth Tapley
SECRETARY/TREASURER
2/12/2001

REQUIRED ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT (UNAUDITED)
FROM NONPROFIT WATER SYSTEMS
PAGE 2 OF 2

RESIDENTIAL RATES:
SEWER:
\$2.15 4,000 gallons
\$3.25 per 1,000 gallons over 4,000 and 8,000 no additional over 8,000

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\$16.90 4,000 gallons
\$2.25 per 1,000 gallons over 4,000 and 8,000 no additional over 8,000

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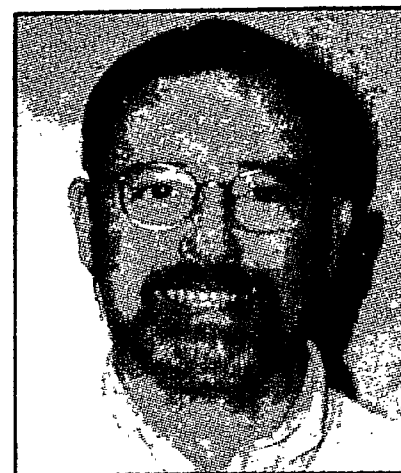
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A message from the publisher**There's a lot here to love**

Welcome to Hancock County, Mississippi! Located on the Gulf of Mexico, near New Orleans, Hancock County combines stately ante-bellum homes and rich traditions of a proud past with the fast paced life style of a booming resort area featuring casino gaming.

Bay St. Louis is the county seat and celebrated its tricentennial last year. The sister city of Waveland is located just a couple of miles down the beach and a little to the north, just off Interstate 10, is the resort community of Diamondhead. Other communities in the county include Kiln,



Echo Publisher/Editor
James R. "Randy" Ponder

Pearlington, Lakeshore, Clermont Harbor and Nacaise Crossing.

The John C. Stennis Space Center in Hancock County has thousands of high tech

employees and houses one of the world's most powerful computer systems. The U.S. Navy fleet is commanded from there. The engines used in every manned space flight were tested at NASA's facility in Hancock County.

The county's industrial park is home to such well known industries as GE Plastics, Calgon Carbon and Wellman Plastics.

The Sea Coast Echo, the local newspaper, was founded in 1892 and is the oldest continually operating business in the county. The newspaper is published Sunday and Thursday.

Again, welcome to the Coast and enjoy your stay, be it for a few days or the rest of your life.

Hancock County: A brief overview

Jean Lafitte's treasure may still be hidden somewhere in Hancock County, but our other treasures are much easier to find.

Nestled around the shimmering waters of the Bay of St. Louis on the western end of the Mississippi Gulf Coast lies Hancock County, Bay St. Louis, Waveland, Diamondhead, Ansley, Kiln, Pearlinton, Nacaise Crossing and more. Each community is as individual as its name, rich in history but quietly and assuredly keeping pace with the space age. Founded in 1812, Hancock County is a place where you can explore the history and legends of our colorful past and share in our contributions to the future.

You'll find plenty of ways to pass the time here. Go fishing, boating, swimming, relax in the sun on nice white sand beaches or enjoy the gentle breezes under a magnificent live oak. Visit Buccaneer State Park and enjoy the "surf" at the wave pool, the thrill of the water slide or just splash in the wading pool. If you decide to stay longer, take advantage of the modern tent camping and RV facilities. Shop till your heart's content for arts, crafts and antiques in Bay St. Louis' Old Town or in any one of our shopping centers. Play golf on one of Diamondhead's fine courses

or any one of the other numerous golf courses in the area. Tour NASA's John C. Stennis Space Center StenniSphere, try your luck at a dockside casino or enjoy a delicious meal at one of our many fine restaurants.

Hancock County is just as diverse and rich as a steaming pot of creole gumbo - drop in and see why Hancock County, Mississippi is THE place to live, work and play!

Form of government:

Board of Supervisors.

Incorporated cities:

Bay St. Louis and Waveland.

Total population:

31,760 (1990 Census); 24,496 (1980 Census); 42,000+ (2000 Projected)

Total land area:

485 square miles.

Altitude:

Average elevation is 15 feet above sea level.

Climate:

Average temperature is 68 degrees; 350 frost-free days.

Rainfall:

Average rainfall is 60 inches.

Churches:

25 churches, representing 12 denominations.

Schools:

Hancock County School District and Bay-Waveland School District, along with several parochial elementary

and high schools, a county/city sponsored adult community education program and college courses offered by different institutions at facilities at Bay High School and Stennis Space Center.

Railroads:

CSX Railroad, Amtrak Passenger Service.

Bus lines:

Greyhound and Trailways.

Major highways:

U.S. Highway 90, Interstate 10, M.S. Highway 603, 607, 43, 53, and 604

Medical:

Hospital - Hancock Medical Center; complete medical services and full emergency facility, Ambulance - Mobile Medic. Numerous family physicians, specialists, dentists, dermatologists, an ophthalmologist, optometrists, orthodontists, physical therapists, chiropractors and veterinarians.

Shopping centers:

Nine.

Public libraries:

County library with three branches: Bay St. Louis, Kiln, Waveland.

State park:

Buccaneer State Park.

County park:

McLeod Water Park.

Industrial park:

Port Bienville Industrial Park, Stennis Air Park.

Banks:

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Both salt- and freshwater fish are plentiful in the Mississippi Sound and in Hancock County's numerous bayous and tributaries, along with crabs, oysters, mussels and shrimp. It's a sportsman's paradise for young and old alike.

Living in Hancock County is like being on vacation all year long

ECHO STAFF REPORT

If you're a new resident of Hancock County, you're not alone - it's one of the fastest growing regions on the Coast and in the United States.

That's because people come here not just for some of the hundreds of job opportunities offered, but also because they just fell in love with the place.

Fun and relaxation are major considerations for the people of Hancock County. The temperate climate encourages a full calendar of events and festivities for everyone.

Easy access to New Orleans and Louisiana's rich resources and to Mobile and Alabama's coastal menu of events provides Hancock County with the best of all possible opportunities for a full social, artistic and cultural calendar.

The entire area is steeped in history. Bay St. Louis is the oldest established community on the Gulf Coast. Waveland has been long recognized as a summer retreat and resort for visitors from New Orleans, Natchez and Mobile. Walking and driving tours of the many historic districts are for the

taking.

Those interested in outdoor activities can choose from 16 beautiful golf courses within 50 miles or several public tennis courts, exercise trails and private health clubs that offer "per visit" options.

Of course the nearly eight miles of breathtaking white sand beaches and numerous public fishing piers and sea walls provide fishing and crabbing fun for the family.

The county features two parks. McLeod Water Park, one of the Pearl River Boatway parks, has trailer sites with water and electricity, primitive camping, lighted ball fields, group pavilion, picnicking, nature trails, boat launches, bath houses and

fishing piers.

Buccaneer State Park features a seasonal wave pool and wading pool, game room, tennis and basketball courts, three play areas, nature trails, outdoor amphitheater and great Gulf fishing with tent camping and RV facilities available.

The John C. Stennis Space Center offers guided tours and a space museum. The visitor's center is open seven days a week, except Christmas Day, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. with no admission fee.

The Hancock County Public Library System has four branches. The public library's involvement in the

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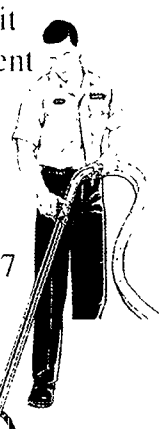
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Area recreational facilities second to none

County boasts two major parks, along with golf, fishing, hunting, boating

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Hancock County is the home of two public parks, Buccaneer State Park and McLeod Park, which are open yeararound. Buccaneer, located two miles off Highway 90 on Beach Boulevard in Waveland, features a seasonal wave pool, water slide, wading pool, game room, tennis courts, basketball courts, play areas, nature trail, outdoor amphitheater, seasonal camps and great Gulf fishing.

Colorful legends of smuggling and piracy along the Gulf Coast by Jean Lafitte and his followers led to the park's naming.

The French buccaneer was said to have even inhabited the old Pirate house, once located in Waveland.

The park site, also known as Jackson's Ridge, was used as a base of military operations by Andrew Jackson during the Battle of New Orleans.

Jackson later returned to the area and built a house on land that is now part of Buccaneer park.

In addition to primitive campsites, the park has available 500 hook-ups for water and electricity, of which 149 also have sewer and cement parking slabs.

Activities include two tennis



Not only does Hancock County's Buccaneer State Park offer the finest camping, nature and recreational facilities, it offers a little bit of history - people still look for the treasure legends say that pirates left in the area.

courts, a basketball court, a shuffleboard diagram and a game room containing video games, pinball machines, pool tables and a tennis table. A wading pool, up to four-feet deep and separate from the water park, is located near the activity building within the camping com-

plex.

Throughout the camping area are bathhouses, picnic tables and grills. There is a laundry facility and dumping station.

A camp store and souvenir shop are open during the summer months. A non-denominational

worship service is conducted every Sunday at 8:30 a.m. from Easter to Labor Day.

Two picnic pavilions are available for use and several picnic tables and grills are located throughout the park. Another area, located under a canopy of trees and across from the beach, is available for day visitors and offers picnic tables, grills and playground equipment.

Buccaneer's water park complex contains a wade pool with cascading water, a wave pool and double-flumed water slide.

The wave pool is surrounded by multi-level decking ideal for sunbathing, an observation deck, showers, rafts and a fast-food service.

McLeod Park, spread among 328 acres of rolling woodlands and divided by the Jourdan River, offers a serene retreat for locals and visitors.

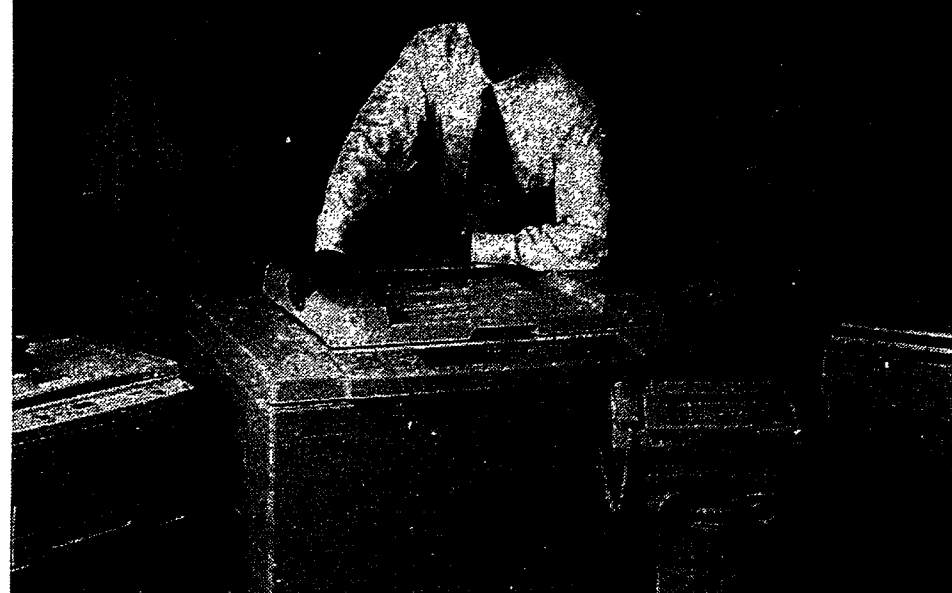
The park's entrance is located north of I-10, off Highway 603, south of the Jourdan River and west along Texas Flat Road.

The park was named in honor of Albert J. and Virginia 'Aunt Gin' McLeod. Albert McLeod was a pioneer timberman from South Carolina who settled on the Jourdan River location in the early 1900s.

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The towns of Hancock County are becoming famous along the Gulf Coast as havens for shoppers -- everything from fine art, antiques and books to unique gifts, designer clothing and local crafts.

Community theaters, casino performers from across the country and night spots featuring live entertainment abound.

An annual calendar of festivals and fairs, including Mardi Gras, provides unlimited fun and excitement for all.

Area restaurants are unsurpassed.

McLeod Park

McLeod Water Park sits on 328 acres of rolling woodlands located within the NASA Buffer Zone surrounding the John C. Stennis Space Center. The park features 70 camp sites, while the park offers a myriad of outdoor recreation.

McLeod Park

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Buccaneer State Park

Buccaneer State Park is located two miles off Highway 90 in Waveland. The site, also known as Jackson's Ridge, was named in commemoration of the Gulf Coast's colorful past, when Jean Lafitte and other pirates and smugglers sailed its shores. Andrew Jackson used the area as a base of military operations during the Battle of New Orleans in 1814.

In addition to campgrounds, the park features a seasonal water and wading pool, game rooms, tennis and basketball courts, play area, a nature trail and an outdoor amphitheater.

Buccaneer State Park

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McLeod Park, brought to you by the Hancock County Board of Supervisors, offers a wide variety of activities including camping, boating, picnicking and water-skiing. It's a family-friendly atmosphere that provides an incredible opportunity to commune with the county's natural resources.

bridges that take you across the course's vast lakes and wetlands. There are water hazards and sand traps that will test golfers of all levels.

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Tourism becoming major industry

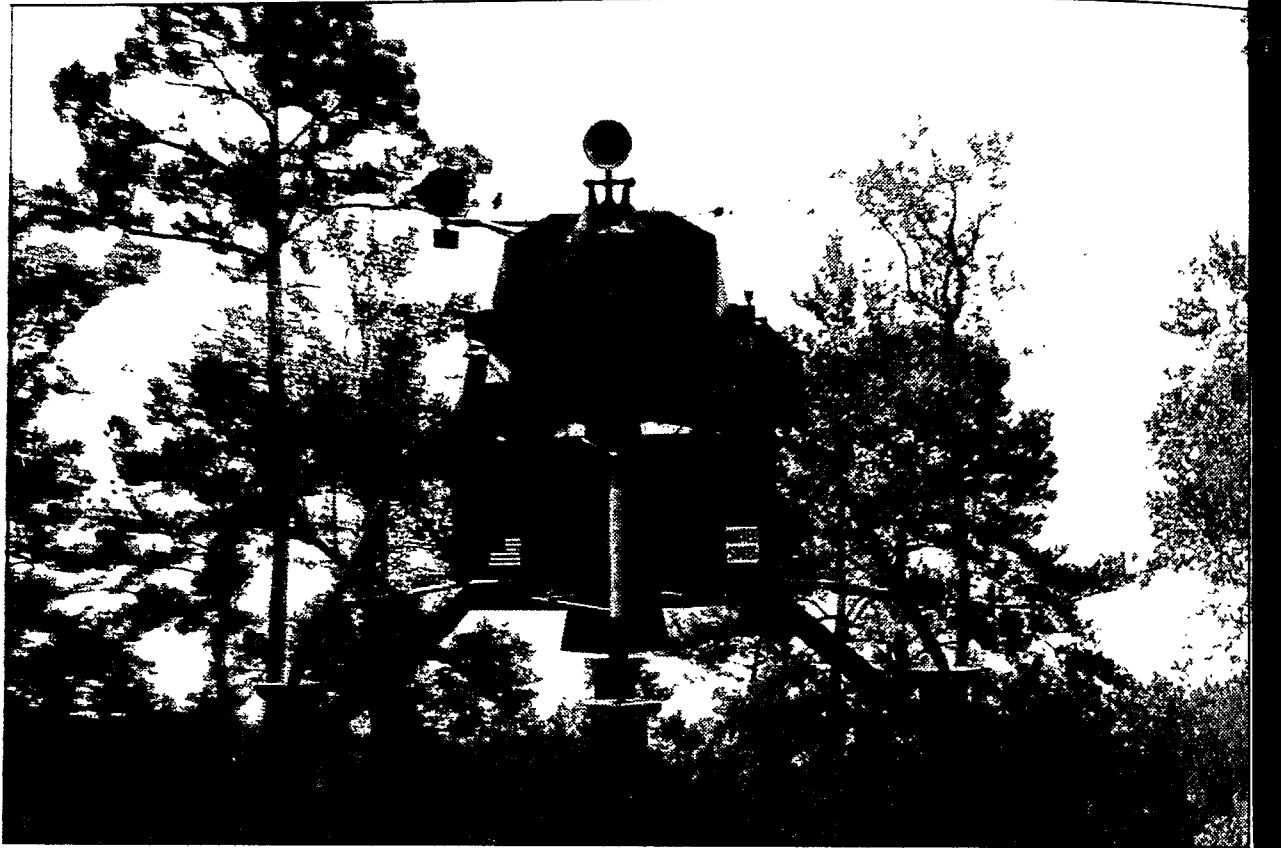
ECHO STAFF REPORT

Hancock County's tourism industry was once a diamond in the rough. However with just a little polishing and promotion, the world is finding out about the treasures we have for them to behold.

Many fine articles and feature stories have been and are going to be written about this very special area of the Gulf Coast. Tour companies from all over the United States and Europe are sending motor coach loads of "first time visitors" into Hancock County to experience the pure enjoyment of this unique destination.

In just the number of tours of Old Town Bay St. Louis, the Hancock County Tourism Bureau booked and scheduled more than 179 buses for the year 2000 alone.

Casino Magic Bay St. Louis obviously could be considered the "kick start" to the county's entire tourism industry. This 600-plus acre casino and golf resort offers residents and visitors alike an exciting option in casino gaming and entertainment.



Tourism is quickly becoming one of Hancock County's major industries. The Hancock County Welcome Center at I-10 has recorded hundreds of thousands of tourists since the new StenniSphere attraction opened at John C. Stennis Space Center last Memorial Day weekend. Above, an actual lunar lander, placed at the Welcome Center by NASA officials.

ing and entertainment
Golfing at the Bridges.

Arnold Palmer' signature course, is always in the top numbers of golf rounds recorded on the Gulf Coast and is considered a "Must Play" to visiting golfers. The resort offers a hotel, RV park, marina, casino, area shopping and dining shuttles and many of its own fine restaurants.

Hancock County is home to NASA's John C. Stennis Space Center, quickly becoming one of, if not soon to be, the top tourist attraction in the state of Mississippi.

NASA's "StenniSphere" reopened Memorial Day weekend last year, more than doubling the center's previous size - and attracting more than 500,000 visitors between its opening and Dec. 31.

Interactive exhibits, virtual reality space shuttle experiences, space station walk-through, a RockeTeria cafe, gift shops, theater and much enhanced U. S. Navy exhibits, all will most certainly awe the most experienced visitor.

All tours of this facility now originate at the Mississippi State Welcome Center on Interstate 10 at exit 2. This is the first venture of its kind in that the Mississippi

Department of Transportation, Department of Economic and Community Development, their Division of Tourism and a tourist attractions like NASA's

StenniSphere, are working jointly to promote an attraction and the state of Mississippi at the same location. This is a "must visit" for all visitors and residents.

The Hancock County Tourism Development Bureau is very proud of its efforts to assist in developing one of the best African-American Heritage & Cultural Tours in the Southeast.

The unique existence of St. Augustine Seminary in Bay St. Louis' definitely "tops the list" as a one-of-a-kind attraction that makes this area so special.

St. Augustine Seminary, the first Roman Catholic Seminary in the entire United States to train and ordain African American young men for the Priesthood and Brotherhood, was established in 1922 by the Brothers of the Divine Word, from Germany.

The seminary is available for tours and retreats and is now a retirement home for those very priests and brothers that it ordained many years ago.

On the lush grounds of the seminary stand quietly beautiful live oaks draped in Spanish moss, statues and shrines, benches that await anyone's visit, and a walk-through grotto, hand-built by the father of one of the young

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seminarians in the early 1900's. This young seminarian later became a retired priest at the seminary.

As a result of St. Augustine Seminary, St. Rose de Lima, African American-based Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis, is one of the highlights of any tour or visit to this very special seaside community. Established in 1976, St. Rose is one of the most active parishes in the area.

The redecorating of the church in 1991 created a most exciting visual experience to all who visit. The fresco or mural on the three back altar walls represent an African figure as "Christ in the Oaks," and on Sundays, at 9:30 Mass, one of the best Southern gospel choirs sing in praise of God in a most inspiring way.

"Old Town" Bay St. Louis, offers the works of more than 100 resident artists, numerous art galleries, antique shops, sidewalk cafes, restaurants, lounges and five original murals painted on the side of buildings.

The Hancock County Historical Society's home, the Kate Loblano House, awaits those who are interested in the history of the Gulf Coast and its people.

The staff, volunteers and members work wonders for

this community.

The historic L & N Depot District is now filled to capacity with some of the best dining on the Gulf Coast. The Train Depot is totally refurbished and is an attraction within itself.

This historically majestic, two-story building is used for exhibits, receptions, seminars, meetings and other grand gatherings and celebrations.

Historic cemeteries, homes to tour, food to taste, and bay breezes to feel, are awaiting the many visitors yet to come.

Buccaneer State Park and Water Park, the busiest in the Mississippi State Park system, is a family's delight.

Water slides, a huge wave pool, kiddies and adult pools, RV and primitive camping, and a Disc Golf course are but a few of the enjoyable activities offered in Waveland's Buccaneer Park.

Down Beach Boulevard in Waveland is the Waveland Fishing Pier, open to the public. This very large, well lighted pier is open 24 hours a day and offers the additional benefit of a guard on the site.

Kiln, (pronounced as The Kil), the home of Brett Pavre, quarterback for the Green Bay Packers, is home to our, top-of-the-line Equestrian and Fair Grounds, the site of

the first Hancock County Rodeo.

Also, the Stennis international Airport has recently been much enhanced and can handle almost any type or size aircraft, including the "Space Shuttle."

Diamondhead, a resort community, offers two championship golf courses, three pools, resort condos, two hotels and Tennis World's 12 championship clay courts.

This community attracts thousands of golfers, tennis players and other visitors every year. Their latest feature is the new stunning clubhouse, a fabulous addition to Hancock County's convention and banquet capabilities.

Yes, our location is one of the major attractions to travel professionals, also to the amateurs who venture out on their own. We are located on the beautiful Gulf Coast, 25 miles west of Biloxi and Gulfport and only 40 miles east of New Orleans.

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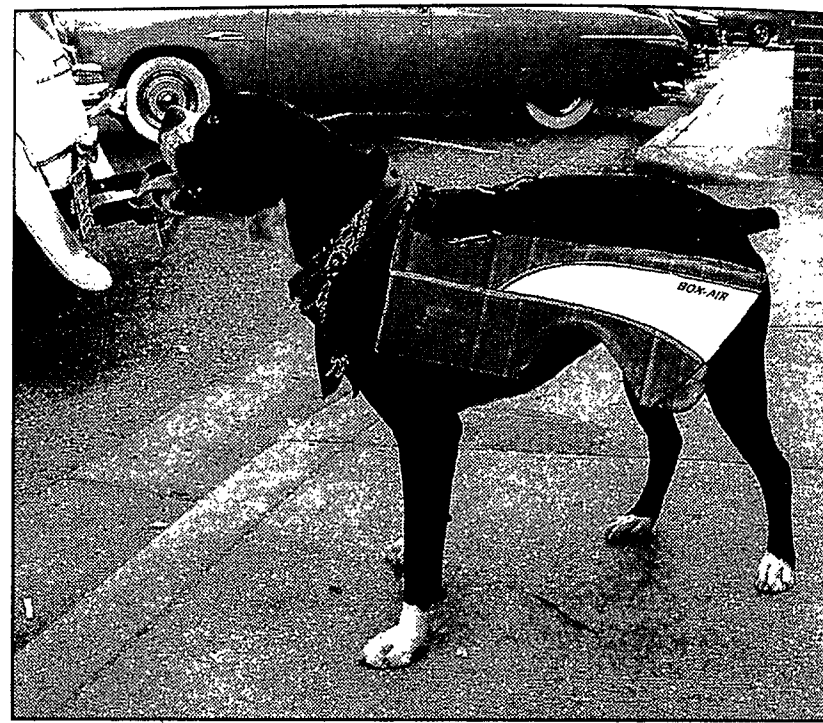
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Hancock County knows how to give a good party. From the Krewe of Selene kicking off Mardi Gras celebrations each year to the Waveland Festival of Lights winding up the Christmas season, Hancock County's calendar is full of festivals, traditional celebrations, annual activities and spontaneous events.

At the beginning of each year as the Mardi Gras season approaches, clubs and organizations begin their balls and parade plans. Bay St. Louis, Waveland,



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Everybody gets in on the fun at Hancock's local events, as evidenced by our pal the "Box-Air" here at last year's Cruisin' the Coast in October.

Diamondhead, and Pass Christian boast some of the oldest and most unique festivals along the Coast.

The Krewe of Selene of Diamondhead traditionally kicks off the season with the earliest parade in mid-January. As February rolls around, the Krewe of Kids, Nereids, Diamondhead, St. Paul, and Real People celebrate their way to Fat Tuesday.

Whether March blows in as a lion or a lamb, events center around the approaching spring. Hancock County Chamber of Commerce sponsors an annual Beach Cleanup which involves schools, families, businesses and individuals.

The annual Voices of Hope Peace Festival brings together civic and business leaders with community and government officials to celebrate the benefits and hopes of a peaceful world.

The Waveland Civic Association's St. Patrick's Day Parade grows larger and longer with each passing year.

The Gulf Coast Pilgrimage celebrated from Ocean Springs to Waveland, centers itself, this year, with opening events in the Bay that will bring some 2,000 visitors to Bay St. Louis.

The Bay-Waveland Garden Club, the Gather Ye Rosebuds Garden Club, and the Diamondhead Garden Club

will each host their individual events.

April brings the American Cancer Society's annual Red Beans and Rice Cookoff. In its ninth year, this year the cook-off promises to feature the best, most competitive 'bean cookers' in Hancock County.

As the weather warms and the evenings still cling to some memory of coolness, the Old Town Merchants Association and the Second Saturday Artwalk Series begin their scheduled activities.

Highlighting this season's calendar, which features exhibits, street dances and extended shopping hours, will be the annual "A Place of Art" gala, Silent Auction and Art Show. The Fourth of July couldn't be more packed with activities is tailored-made for Gulf Coast enjoyment. The fall brings on the Diamondhead Arts and Crafts Fair, the International Food Festival and the largest street party we know -- Cruisin' the Coast. Vintage car buffs and flashbacks from the '50's linger on every corner.

The Gulf Coast's usually mild winters don't deter the holiday spirit in Hancock County by any stretch of the imagination.

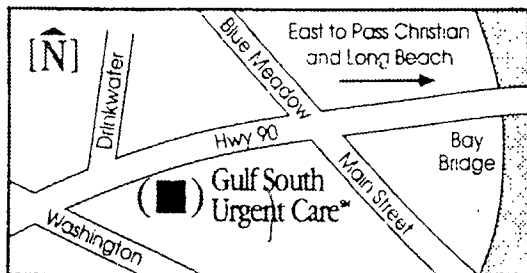
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Library provides many services to newcomers

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Newcomers to Hancock County should make the Hancock County Library System one of their first stops. Besides obtaining a library card to check out books and other media, there is a myriad of informational services available to those just moving to the area.

Some of these services include:

- Community information, brochures, pamphlets, handouts and notices on local activities, organizations and services are displayed on the Coast Electric Power Association's Community Information Center;
- Fishing poles* can be checked out at any branch of the Hancock County Library System;
- Local, state and national newspapers, as well as more than 150 magazines and journals;
- Reproducible state and federal income tax forms;
- Resume books for those who are job hunting;
- Local history information
- Free Bay St. Louis telephone books;
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- Children's books and posters;
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- Children's books and posters;
- Maps for use inside the library;
- Copy machines;
- Typing room for public

use at no charge;

- Paperback lending library that has items that may be borrowed without a library card;

- Free meeting room spaces for public functions;
- Innovative children's programs year-round, from story hours for pre-schoolers to Summer Reading programs for

- Quick, factual answers to simple reference questions;

- The Library Oak, a live oak listed on the Hancock County Historical Society Oak Registry, has withstood two centuries of hurricanes, and the Richard Thames Memorial Oak, planted in 1975, is listed as an "honorary oak;"

- Renaissance - The Revival of a Community, a mosaic mural created by more than 200 members of the community under the direction of artist Elizabeth Veglia, records the history, culture and architecture of the community;

- A continuous offering of magazines and books for sale

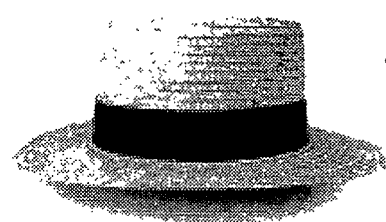
- Art by local artists Nadine Stamm and Robert Waldrop and featuring the marble, steel and copper sculpture of Hamilton Guenard;

- The Adult Literacy Education Program to provide lifelong learning to adults in the area, whether long- or short-term.

In addition, for the perfect place to enjoy a quiet time of reading and reflecting, the library has a quiet study area and a lounge seating area.

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The Hancock County Library System vastly expanded its resources last year when it opened its new branch at Kiln. The new library quickly became a source of community pride, as well as a gathering place for area events.

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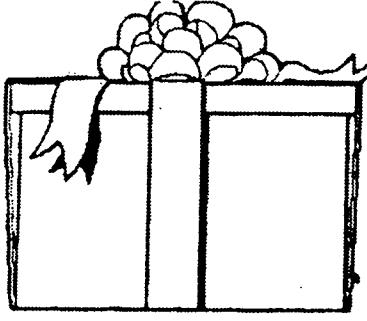
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 An artist's rendering of the Casino Magic Bay St. Louis grounds after a proposed 300-room hotel is completed. Plans also call for eventually building a second high-rise hotel tower at the site.

Casino Magic to begin 300 room, 14-story hotel addition

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

More evidence that Hancock County is quickly becoming a tourist-mecca and gaming phenomenon — Penn National Gaming, Inc., announced earlier this year that it intends to move forward with a \$35 million upgrade of its Casino Magic Bay St. Louis property.

Planned improvements include a new 300-room hotel adjacent to the casino, a complete remodel of its buffet restaurant, and a remodel of the casino, to include escalators and a new elevator.

Groundbreaking for the new hotel is anticipated to occur in the second quarter of 2001 and will include approximately nine deluxe suites and 46 junior suites. Amenities include 10,000 square feet of convention space with breakout rooms, a 24-hour restaurant, retail space, separate group and VIP check-in areas, a pool and deck area, arcade, and a spa and fitness center.

"We anticipate that the new projects will create an additional 200 to 300 more jobs for Hancock County. Currently, Casino Magic Bay St. Louis employs over 1,250 people. It is also expected that the upgrades will generate additional gaming taxes, property taxes and tourism taxes for



Casino Magic Bay St. Louis as it exists now.

the state and local governments and the area school district," said General Manager, Todd J. Raziano.

The 14-story hotel tower is potentially the first of two hotel towers for the property.

"The new hotel plans are designed in such a manner that future expansion can be easily accomplished to meet growth needs," said Raziano.

Currently, Casino Magic Bay St. Louis offers a 201-room hotel on property. Officials note that the existing hotel will remain in operation, giving the property a combined total of approximately 500 rooms.

"Guests will have the option to choose between two levels of accommodations and pricing. They may choose the new higher-end hotel or the more moderately priced hotel. We believe that our market can support both levels of accommodations," said Raziano.

immediately a three-month, \$2 million buffet remodeling project. Plans are to increase the number of seats and to create a new atmosphere centered around a New Orleans theme. The buffet remodeling is scheduled to be completed by May and will remain open throughout the remodeling.

"Improving guest satisfaction and experience is the reason for the buffet remodeling. We want to provide the guest with a total experience from great food to great surroundings and atmosphere. With this remodel, Casino Magic's buffet will be one of, if not the best, on the Coast," said Raziano.

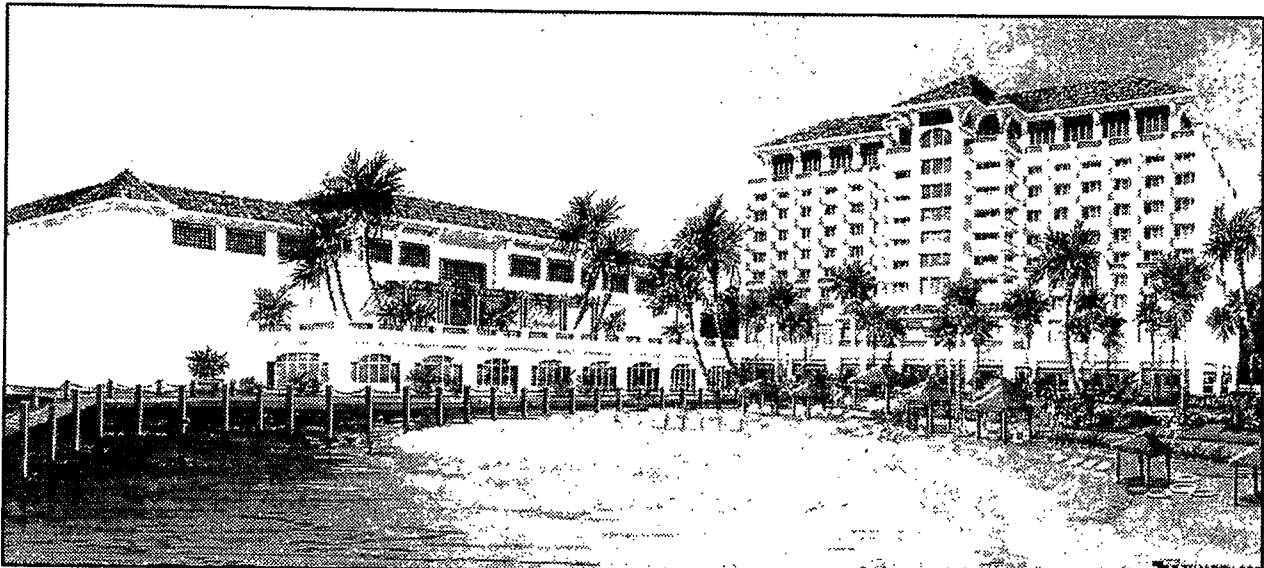
Penn National purchased Casino Magic Bay St. Louis in August 2000.

The 591-acre Casino Magic Bay St. Louis property consists of an 18-hole Arnold Palmer-designed golf course,

Guests will notice most of the changes when they arrive at the property.

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With Bay Magic growing, more gaming on the way



An early artist's rendition of the Margarita Casino and hotel complex proposed by the Las Vegas-based Phoenix Leisure Corp.

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

Casino Magic Bay St. Louis is growing by leaps and bounds – and taking the gaming industry in Hancock County and all across the Coast with it.

The Mississippi Gaming Commission late last year approved licensing for Phoenix Leisure Corp., which plans to revive gambling on an already-approved site at Bayou Caddy.

The commission issued a finding of suitability for each of the Las Vegas-based Company's officers, directors and major registered shareholders.

Phoenix Leisure's Chairman and President Eric Nelson also announced the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has given the go-ahead to allow dredging for the permanent mooring site for the 23,000-square-foot, four story-tall gambling boat it now has docked at the Port Bienville Industrial Park.

Nelson said the firm plans to move the vessel to the Bayou Caddy site formerly occupied by the old Jubilee and Jubilation riverboat casinos after it signs a Tideland lease with the Mississippi Secretary of State's office.

"This is a significant milestone for our company and shareholders," said Nelson at the tie.

"It represents the first time the company has received a gaming license in any jurisdiction."

Nelson said, "The recommendations for licensure allow the company to implement its casino development

plans in order to obtain a formal operating license prior to opening a gaming establishment."

He explained the Mississippi Gaming Commission must complete a final inspection of the gaming vessel and review compliance with all federal, state and local laws and regulations before giving final approval to open.

Nelson said the Corps of Engineers permit, along with permits already obtained from the state Department of Marine Resources and the state Department of Environmental Quality, gives Phoenix Leisure the opportunity to begin site work preparations for its proposed gambling resort.

Although final design plans have not been revealed to the media, Phoenix Leisure told the Echo in early June it planned to build a resort hotel, pump in a sand beach, and make other improvements to the Bayou Caddy site off Lakeshore Road and Beach Boulevard.

Previously, the Gaming Commission had approved preliminary plans for either a 72-room hotel or one that would have 205 rooms.

However, Nelson told Gaming Commission members the firm has modified its original development and would now go with a 72-room facility.

"We believe the reduced debt risk makes better business sense in an environment of increased competition along the Gulf Coast," said Nelson's press release. "We're confident that we can expand

later and demonstrate the long-term viability of the Bayou Caddy site to traditional lenders once we're up and running."

The complex would be called the Paradise Bay Casino and Resort.

Additionally, the Hancock County Board of Supervisors has offered to elevate the beach roadway at Lakeshore Road all the way to the gambling site to eliminate flooding when southeast winds bring high water that covers

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Chamber of Commerce offers plenty for tourists, new residents

ECHO STAFF REPORT

Originally chartered in 1925 by the Bay St. Louis Rotary Club, it was originally called the Bay St. Louis Chamber of Commerce.

Later on Nov. 9, 1945, it was renamed the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce.

The chamber is a voluntary organization of business and professional men and women who have joined together to promote the economic, civic and social well-being of Hancock County, with a particular emphasis on economic development.

The Hancock Chamber is governed by a board of 15 directors, 15 of which are elected for alternating three-year terms, five of which are appointed by the president annually. We also have a student director appointed from each area high school.

Day-to-day office operations include providing:

- * packets of information to welcome newcomers to the area and others making inquiries about the area;

- * listings and business referrals to chamber members;

- * general information and statistical information on our community.

An important aspect of the chamber is its committees. Major programs are conceived and set into motion through one of its committees. Committees are Economic Development, Education, Environment, Member Services, Beautification and Ambassador. They are very active on a number of projects. Committees projects include the Gateway Enhancement Project, Anti-litter Campaign, Community Education and a Business and Industry Expo.

Why join the Hancock Chamber?

The chamber is over 625 members strong, representing over 4,000 employees. Its membership includes business and professional leaders, retired business men and women and government and community leaders.

It is an exciting time to be a part of the Hancock Chamber, which represents the third fastest growing county in the state.

Hancock County has seen nearly a 30 percent increase in population and business over the past eight years. The chamber is growing right along with the community at a rate of about 25-30 percent in membership increase as well.

Some of the benefits of being a chamber member:

- Business referrals
- Brochures and business cards in chamber

- Listing in chamber publications and directories

- Monthly business seminars and counseling services

- Assist with ribbon cuttings, grand openings and business publicity

- Monthly newsletter, the Chambergram, to keep members updated on activities.

- Members can receive a free feature in the *What's Up with Business* section

- Networking opportunities such as our Business After Hours, Coffee Call and Expo

- Part of a strong group, a unified voice for the community and the quality of life we enjoy. Joining and being active in the chamber means investing in the future your business and the future of your community.

The Hancock County Chamber of Commerce keeps proving that if you plan, you can make things happen.

This past year, the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce, the Hancock County Board of Supervisors and the Hancock County Water and Sewer District received a Gulf Guardian Award from the U.S. Environmental Protection for the Strategic Wastewater Plan for southern Hancock County.

The chamber, through partnerships with the Hancock County Board of Supervisors and the Gulf Coast Community Foundation, secured two grants to help in the development of community gateways, as envisioned by the Vision 2000 Leadership Committee, and with assistance from the EPA Gulf of Mexico Program, the Chamber is developing a community plan for growth into the next century.

"Businesses make business plans, the chamber should be thinking the same way about the business environment," said Carleen Moran, the chamber's executive director. "Business leaders say that quality of life is one of the top three criteria rated when



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Chamber

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ing. And in the future, employee retention will be the biggest issue facing businesses.

"If Hancock County can provide a place where people want to live and enjoy living, Hancock County can be that much more competitive in retaining our business base and in recruiting new businesses. The chamber's challenge is to work with the community to create that quality of life and unique sense of place."

The chamber received a grant from the Environmental Protection Agency's Gulf of Mexico Program to plot its course for Smart Growth in Hancock County.

This effort will help the chamber define its role in enhancing the attributes of Hancock County, while considering how growth will impact the natural resources of the community.

The chamber initiated its "Smart Growth Seminar Series."

This series of workshops invites chamber members that are in environmental occupations, to share their knowledge of regulations and practices with the business community. The goal of the seminars is to help business owners and managers understand environmental regulations, provide some options and solutions for compliance.

Seminars topics included Wetlands Permitting, Storm Water Permitting, Business continuity Planning and the Recycling.

"Through a community survey, the chamber has learned that there are four issues that stand apart for Hancock County residents. These are access to sanitary sewer, access to clean drinking water, the elimination of litter, and clean water in our bays, rivers and the Sound," said Moran.

"These issues are not only important to residents, but these issues are also important to businesses owners and managers and all taxpayers within this county."

The Community Development Committee has been leading the planning effort. "The committee initiated the community survey and developed goals," said Moran. "The community development committee also reinforced the vision statement established by the Vision 2000 Leadership

Expo-se yourself to new ideas



Chamber member Mary Perkins, of the Hancock County Library System, beats the heat during the 2000 Hancock County Chamber of Commerce Business and Industry Expo. The annual event allows members of the community — both consumers and business owners — to meet, greet and socialize, while learning more about each other.

Chamber Business Expo brings industry to you!

The 2000 Hancock County Chamber of Commerce Business and Industry Expo was our best yet, said Hancock County Chamber Director Carleen Murphy Moran.

The event was held Thursday, August 24, 3-7 p.m. at the Hancock County Civic Center on Longfellow Road.

The Member Services Committee outdid themselves, and our local business participants surpassed any expectations that we could ever have had.

Door prizes ranged from a cellular phone to concert

tickets.

Local restaurants and groceries provided superb food items. It was truly an excellent display of what our county has to offer and once again reaffirmed the reasons that people come to our county to live, work and to play.

An estimated 700 folks visited the Expo to view the services and items that our local businesses and industries have to offer.

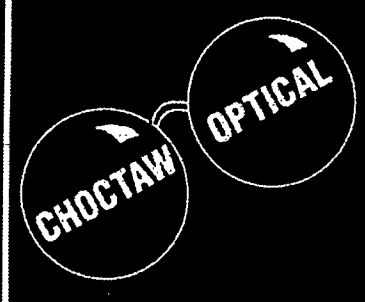
Moran said, "If the event continues to grow, as our county has, we may have to all lose weight so we can fit in the Civic Center."

team. The issues, the goals and the vision tell us where we need to go. Together we will have to figure out how to get there; basically chart our course for Smart Growth."

The vision of Hancock County for the future was defined as: "By preserving our culture, enhancing our natural resources and green spaces, ensuring citizen safe-

ty, being litter free, fostering community pride in all residents, enacting uniform sign and building ordinances, providing for sidewalks, streets and drainage, developing uniform gateways and intersection, we will have the best of the best in Hancock County."

"The chamber has a history of making our plans become reality," said Moran.



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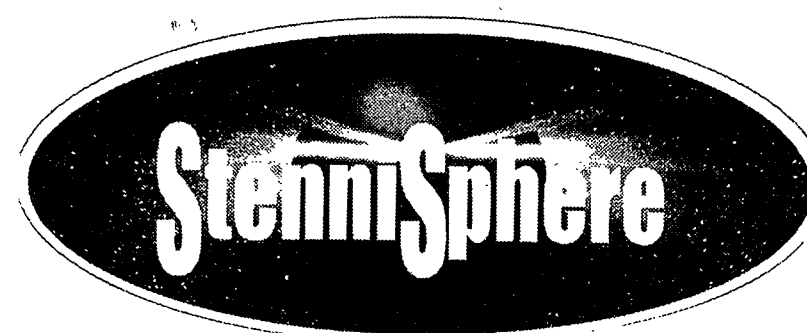
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New figures show Stennis had \$615M on world's economy

ECHO STAFF REPORT

The John C. Stennis Space Center in Hancock County had a local economic impact of \$438 million last year and a direct global impact of \$615 million.

Partners for Stennis Chairman Roy Keller announced the latest economic indicators in a news conference at the space center earlier this month. Keller, of the Louisiana Business and Technology Center, was joined by Roy Estess, director of SSC, and his assistant, Jon Roth, and Rear Adm. Thomas Donaldson, Commander of



the Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command at Stennis.

NASA gathers its yearly impact data and compiles it with economic information from the more than 30 other resident agencies and seven major contractors based at Stennis. The information is provided to Dr. Charles Campbell, professor of economics at Mississippi State University.

Campbell then analyzes the information and provides an assessment of the center's total economic impact.

Keller said the \$438 million impact was found within a 50-mile radius of Stennis, and was up considerably from the \$405 million economic impact reported last year. The area studied included Hancock, Harrison and Pearl River in Mississippi and St. Tammany Parish in Louisiana.

NASA led spending in the local economy impact area, reporting \$186 million or 42 percent of the \$438 million spent locally. The U.S. Navy's impact was \$137 million or 39 percent. Other agencies spent \$47 million.

Construction of facilities accounted for \$18 million or four percent of spending. The U.S. Department of Commerce spent \$11 million or three percent, and the U.S. Army, \$3 million.

The report for Fiscal Year 2000, which ended Sept. 30, said the center employed a total 4,558 last year and gave this distribution of their residences: 1,277 lived in Pearl River County; 966 lived in St. Tammany Parish; 966 in Hancock County; 890 in Harrison County; 235 lived elsewhere in Louisiana; 168 lived elsewhere in Mississippi; and 56 lived in states other than Mississippi or Louisiana.

Of the 4,558 employees at Stennis, 1,141 were in the

engineering fields; 29 percent were technicians or were involved in craft or production trades; 18 percent worked as business professionals; 10 percent held clerical positions and six percent were employed in other areas.

Among the civil service and military employees, six percent held doctorate degrees; 18 percent held a master's degree; 34 percent held a bachelor's degree; and nine percent held an associate's degree.

The annual report estimated that area employment would have been reduced by 24,121 jobs if Stennis had not been in operation during the last fiscal year, and personal income would have been reduced more than \$807 million. In addition, retail sales would have been reduced by more than \$323 million. Estimates are Stennis has a tax revenue impact of \$87 million on local government revenues.

Partners for Stennis is a group of Mississippi and Louisiana community leaders that support and enhance the development of agencies and programs at Stennis.

THE FUTURE

The future is now and it is at John C. Stennis Space Center.

Stennis Space Center, described by its tenants as a "unique federal city," is responsible for NASA's rocket propulsion testing and for partnering with industry to develop and implement remote sensing technology.

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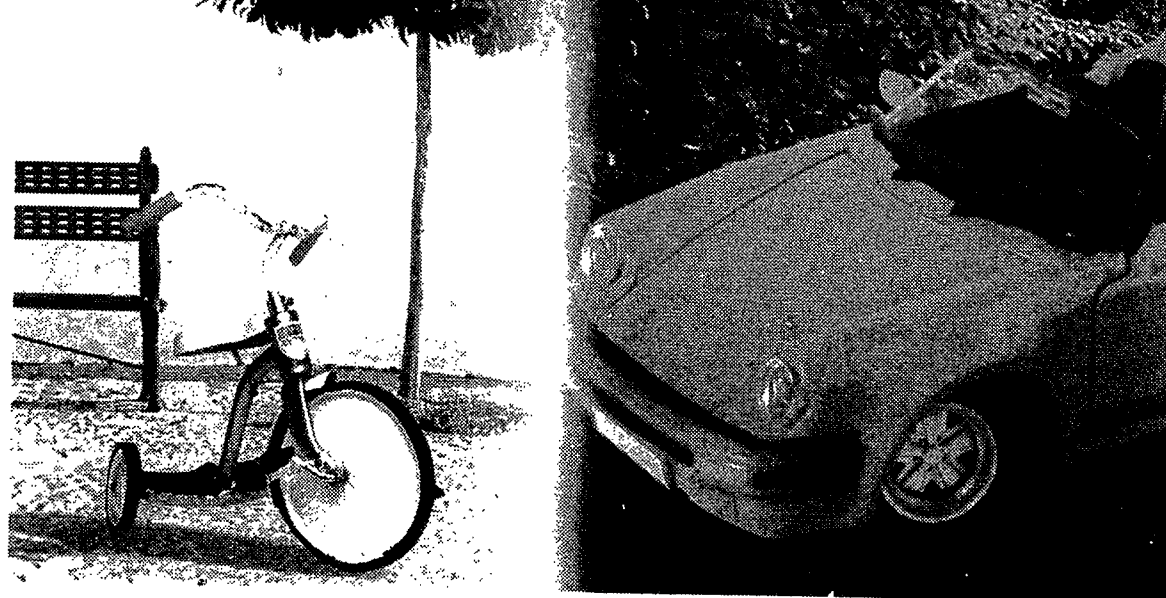
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nation. For years, Stennis's visitors center has been one of the top tourist attractions on the Mississippi Gulf Coast -- and on Memorial Day last year, the visitors center re-opened with a whole new look and a whole new attitude.

The newly-revamped StennisSphere opened Memorial Day weekend to record crowds, drawing an estimated 10,545 to the "Launch Pad" at the Mississippi Welcome Center the first three days alone.

The StennisSphere features multiple exhibits designed to both inform and entertain.

NASA officials invite visitors "to see what the future holds for NASA's next generation of space flight vehicles. ... Or, sit in the cockpit of the Space Shuttle Stennis and watch astronauts work in outer space? Come feel the motion of a ride to Mars or Saturn. Forecast the weather in your hometown and even walk under the sea or step inside the International Space Station. Want to feel the enormous power of a Space Shuttle Main Engine? At StennisSphere you can do this and much more."

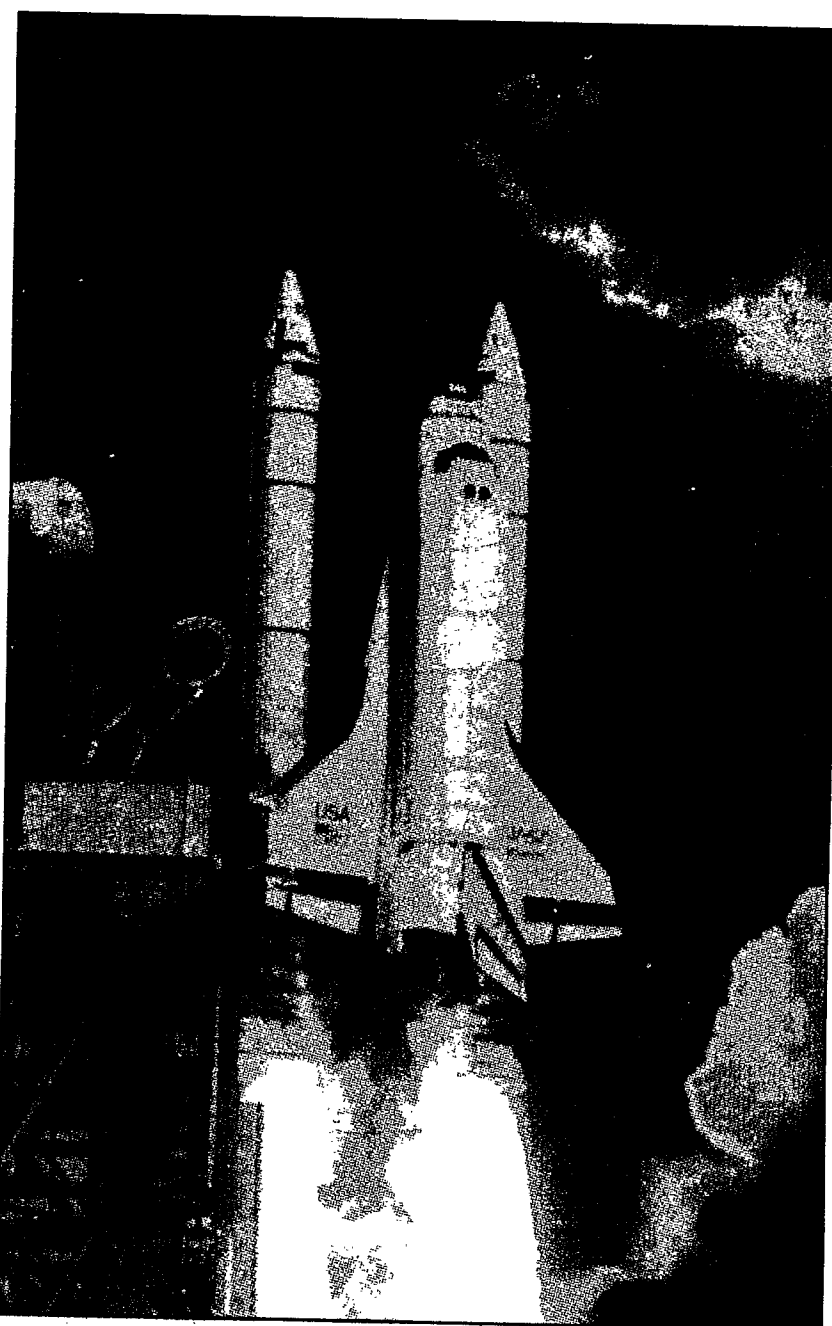
StennisSphere is open daily and free of charge. The newly redesigned and expanded

visitor center presents a 14,000-square-foot interactive review of America's race for space and its potential for the future. Designed to entertain while educating, StennisSphere includes informative displays and exhibits from NASA; the Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command and other agencies located at NASA's lead center for rocket propulsion and commercial remote sensing.

Every 15 minutes, tours to StennisSphere begin from the Mississippi Welcome Center at 1-10 just west of Bay St. Louis and 45 miles east of New Orleans.

Upon boarding the Space Center shuttle vehicles, the 25-minute narrated tour will take you through Stennis Space Center's unique 125,000-acre acoustical buffer zone to the nation's largest rocket propulsion testing center before going to StennisSphere.

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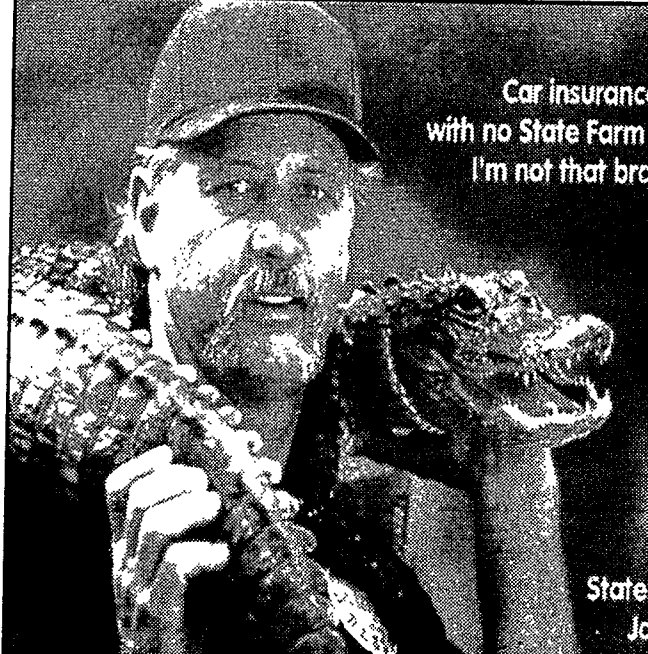

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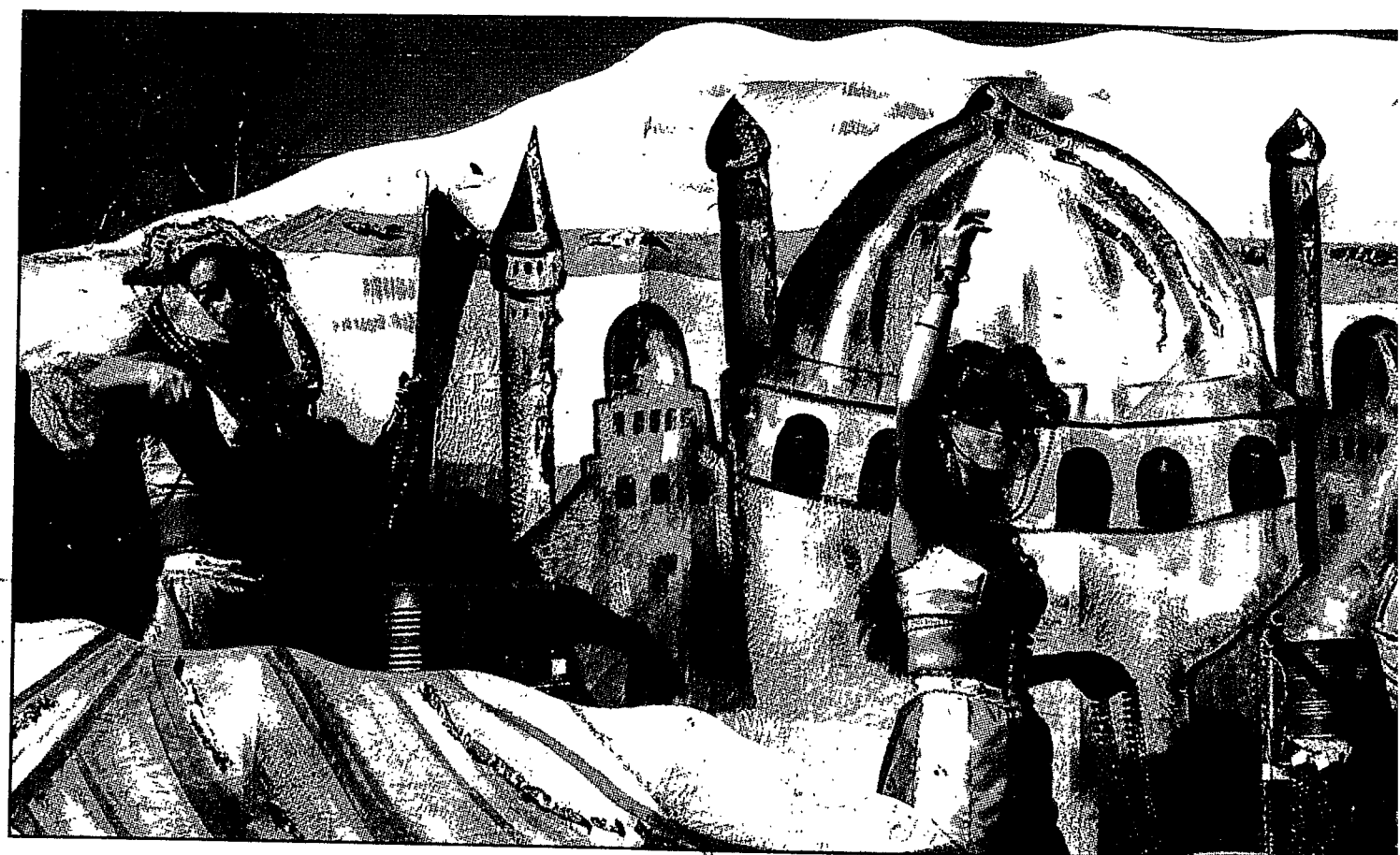
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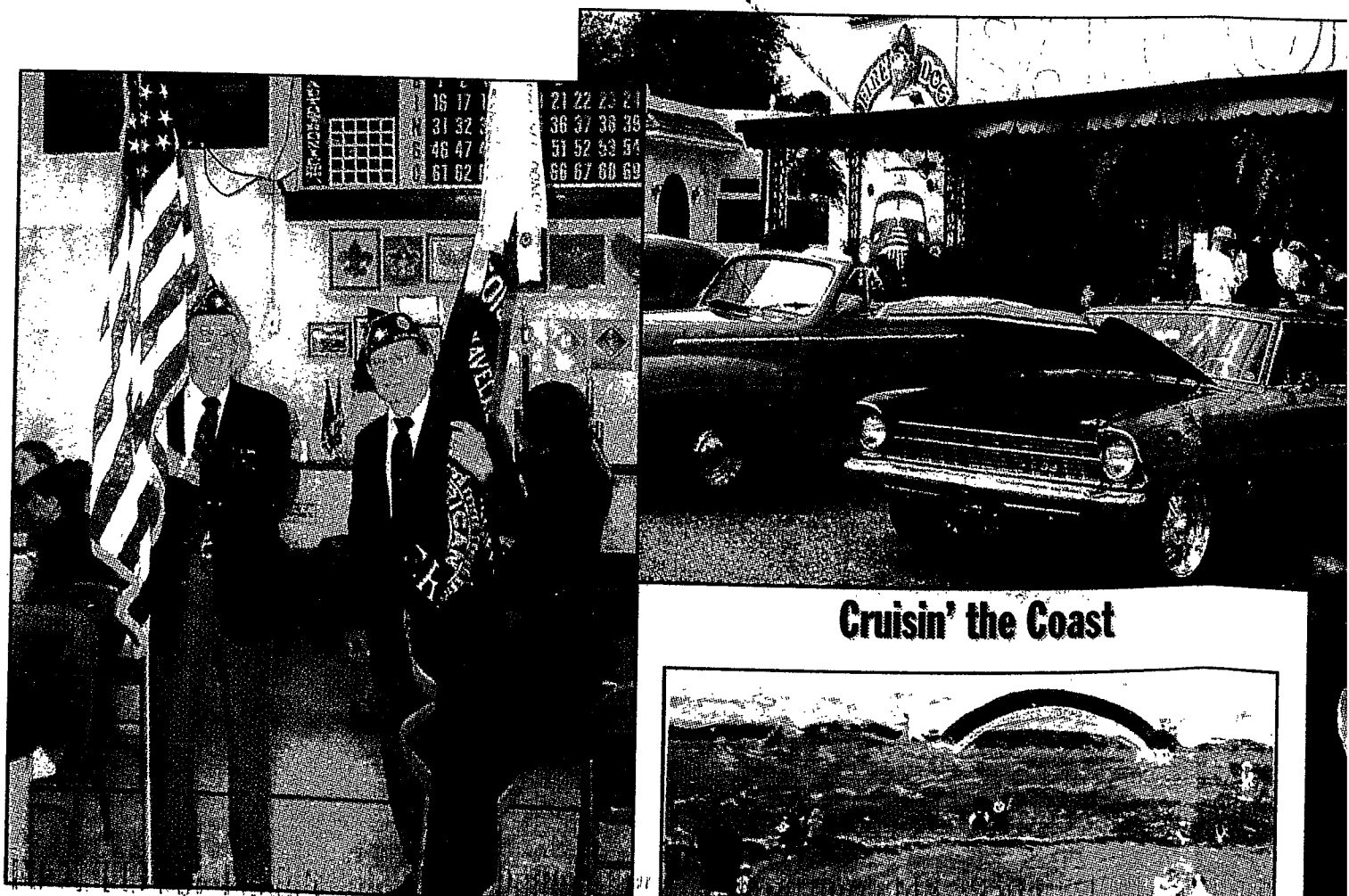
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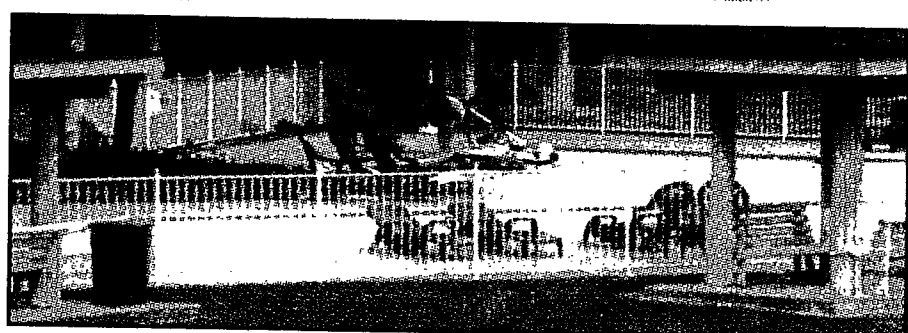
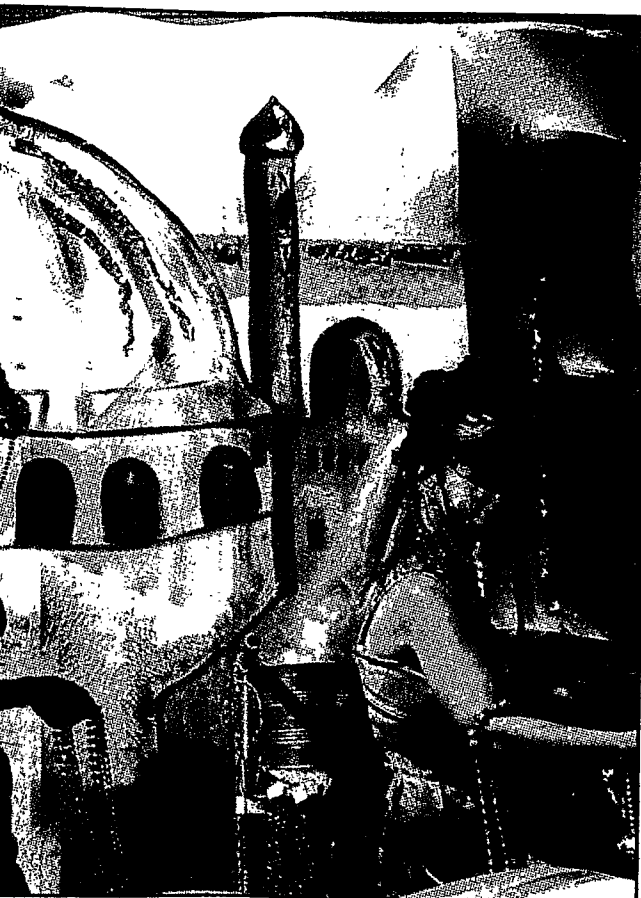


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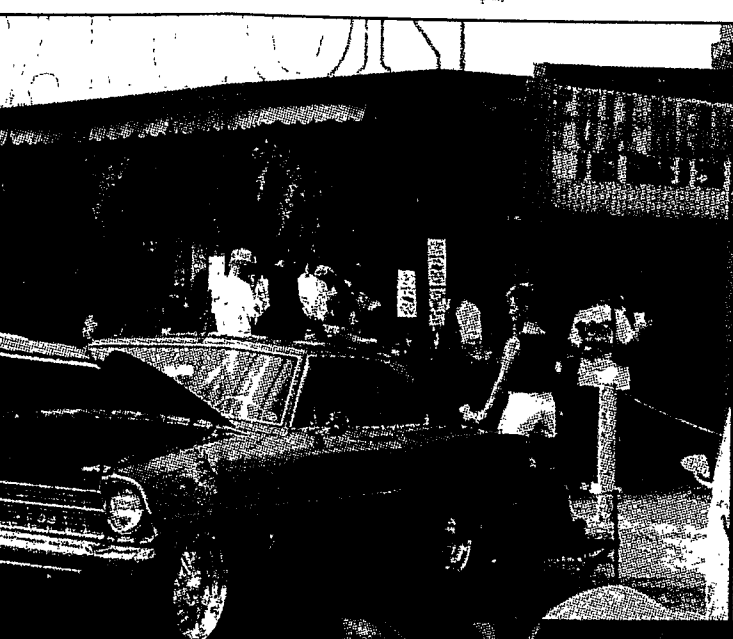
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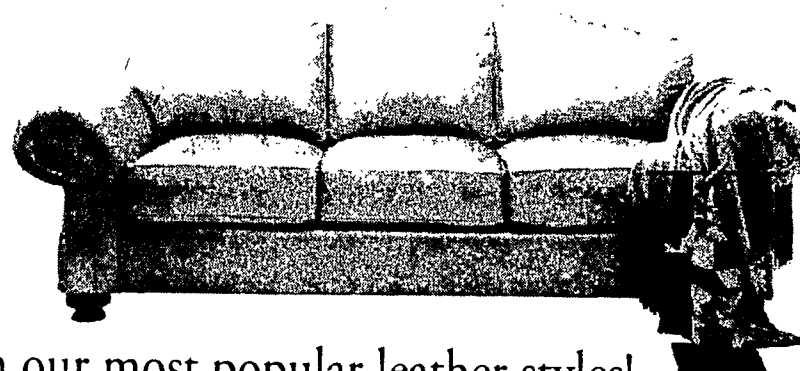
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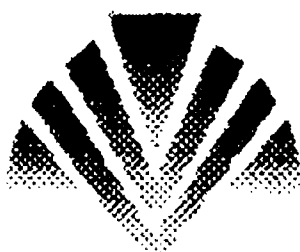
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Local educational facilities are among the South's finest

BY GEOFF BELCHER
News Editor

Hancock County's population and economy have grown by leaps and bounds in the last decade, and they've been matched by growth and improvements in the area's educational facilities.

Two separate school districts serve the student population providing kindergarten, elementary and secondary education. A number of privately supported nursery schools, kindergartens and parochial schools serve the area as well. The county's two public school districts, the Hancock County School District and the Bay St. Louis-Waveland School system, have both kept pace with changing technology and educational methods while growing to meet the needs of an ever-increasing number of students. New superintendents have taken over at both school districts in the past two years: Mike Ladner at Hancock Schools; and Dr. Kim Stasny at Bay-Waveland.

The Bay-Waveland district also has brought in a new assistant superintendent last year, Chuck Benigno, a Bay St. Louis-native who had been working in the Forrest County School System. Long-time Hancock County Assistant Superintendent for Education

Eddie Danzey also recently returned to the system after briefly retiring last this year.

The Hancock County district opened the new state-of-the-art East Hancock Elementary School in the 1999-2000 school year and the new Hancock County Middle School at the beginning of the current 2000-2001 school year. The Bay-Waveland district also has a new middle school and new alternative school facility. The "old" Bay Middle School opened this school year as Second Street Elementary, and - like all the rest of the Bay-Waveland schools - offers among the best curriculum and opportunities for its students.

During the 1999-2000 school year, Hancock High/Middle School posted a 95% attendance average, up 1% from the 1998-1999 yearly average of 94%. This increase is an improvement from the 90% yearly attendance average from five years ago.

The Hancock County School District has recently won national acclaim for its commitment to technology, allowing its students to be among the first in the nation to use NETSchool computers as their personal notebooks.

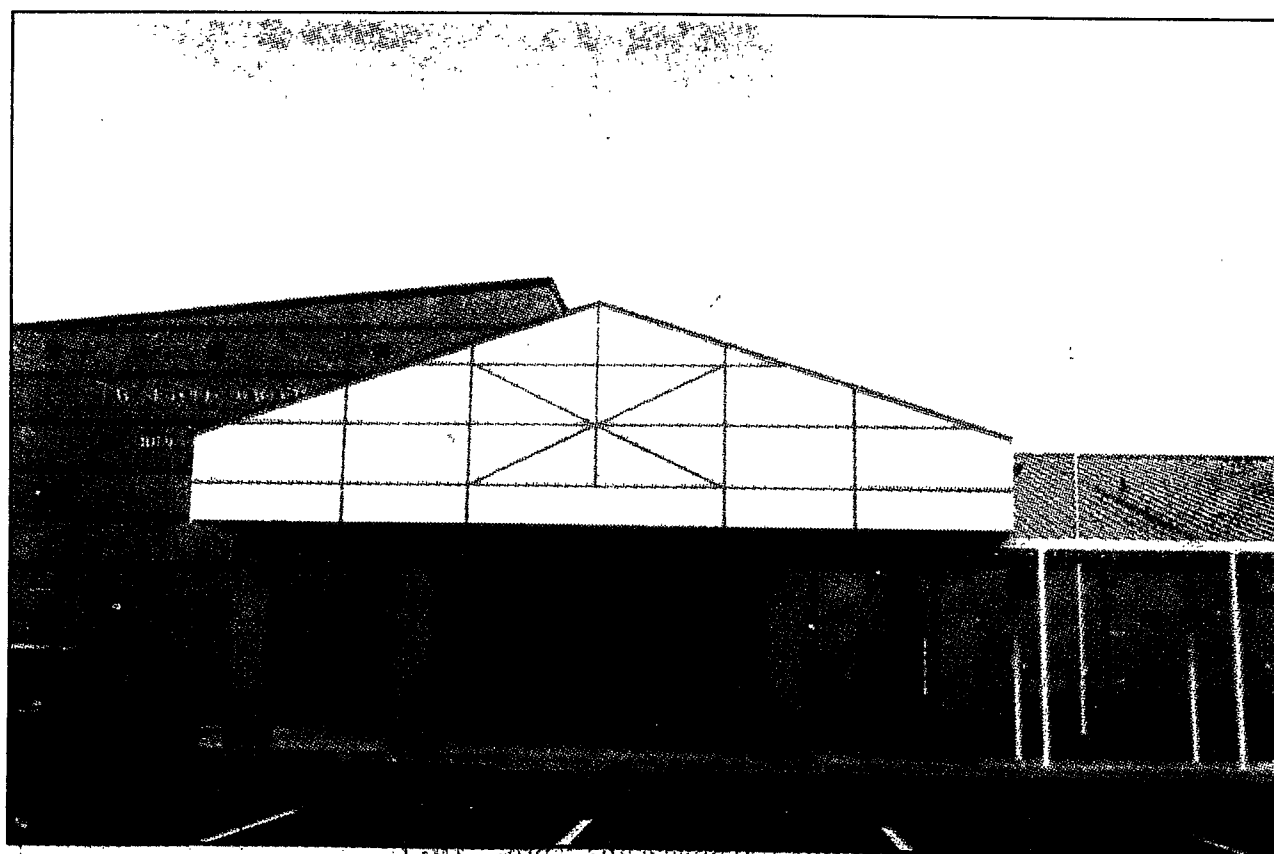
In October 1998, students in grades 9-12 each received a

Study Pro laptop computer for use at school and home. Hancock High School was the first school in the state and one of only 13 in the nation to issue each student a take-home computer. K-1 students are offered a computer-based instructional system designed to develop writing and reading skills. Students in grades K-2 receive Spanish language instruction and experience from a Spanish instructor for two 30-minute periods each week. The regular classroom teacher provides follow-up Spanish language instruction and reinforcement.

Elementary teachers in the Bay-Waveland district also have access to laptop computers, and virtually every classroom in the system will be computer-equipped; and the system will begin utilizing the "lead teacher" approach to classroom instruction.

In the Bay-Waveland district, computer labs are available to students in kindergarten through grade four. The software utilized provides students with the opportunity to achieve, maintain or exceed their assigned grade level. Fifth and sixth grade students have access to computers within their classrooms. These state-of-the-art comput

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The new Bay Middle School opened Aug. 21, 2000, to kick off the 2000-2001 school year in the district. The new school offers state-of-the-art facilities to its students, as well as the same quality education the district has always provided.



Hancock Medical Center off Hwy. 90 in Bay St. Louis offers the latest in medical technology, as well as a caring community spirit.

Medical Center extends healing hand to everyone in the community

ECHO STAFF REPORT
Hancock Medical Center is a 104-bed acute care facility serving the residents of Hancock County and surrounding communities. The Drinkwater Boulevard hospital, constructed in 1987, is fully accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations. The opening of a 49,000-sq.-ft. women's and children's pavilion and new intensive care unit in October, 1998, doubled the size of the existing building. Dedication pediatric and post-surgical units were also added as part of the expansion project. Improvements continue throughout the facility, including the planned installation of a fixed-site MRI unit and renovation of several existing departments to improve patient accessibility and convenience. A major renovation in 1995 focused on the expansion of the emergency area and several ancillary departments. The 7,500-sq.-ft. addition included a large outpatient/emergency department lobby, expanded respiratory, radiology, surgery and rehabilitation departments. New state-of-the-art diagnostic equipment in surgery and radiology allowed 2000 patients to be treated in the county residents to receive

medical care locally. An 8,000-sq.-ft. Business and Education Complex opened in 1997 to house the accounting, financial and information services departments, as well as a spacious classroom available for use by the community. As part of the HMC's outreach efforts, medical clinics are sponsored at Bay High School and Hancock High School. The hospital staffs each with a registered nurse and medical supplies at no cost to the school district or patients. In addition, the Hancock Family Care Center was opened in Kiln and the Diamondhead Multispecialty Clinic established to offer more convenient medical care for those residents. HMC is planning a medical clinic at Port Bienville Industrial Park which will be named in honor of longtime hospital Board of Trustees President Rev. Charles R. Johnson. Ongoing community education seminars on a variety of health topics are offered several times monthly throughout the year, and the community health fair is hosted each May.

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A statue of Bay of St. Louis founder Jean Baptiste Le Moyne d'Bienville, which was erected at Bay St. Louis' Tercentenary Park in 1999 as part of the city's Tricentennial celebration.

County history sets pace for growth and development

Nestled around the shimmering waters of the Bay of St. Louis, on the western end of the Mississippi Gulf Coast lies Hancock County, Bay St. Louis, Waveland, Diamondhead, Ansley, Kiln Pearlinton, La France and more, much more.

Each community in Hancock County is as individual as its name, rich in history but quietly and assuredly keeping pace with the space age.

Historic Sketch

French explorers, led by Pierre Le Moyne d'Iberville and his brother Jean Baptiste Le Moyne Bienville, came to claim the Gulf Coast area for King Louis XIV in April 1699. D'Iberville, finding the calm, beautiful bay too shallow for his ships decided to locate his settlement in what is currently Ocean Springs.

Bienville returned four months later on August 25, 1699 to set his foot on the land and named the Bay in honor of his brother, the crusader and saint. Bay St.

Louis had now become a French possession.

The tiny jewel in the crown of new worlds French colonies was originally inhabited by members of the strongest Indian tribe in Mississippi: the Choctaws. While having a mighty warrior reputation, the Choctaws of the Bay of St. Louis area were friendly to the new explorers, sharing the bounty of wild game and seafood to be found in their village of Chicapoula on the Bay of St. Louis, in December 1699.

Madame de Mezieres was the recipient of a 17,000 acre land grant, north of what is now Felicite Street, from King Louis XIV. On January 3, 1721, two ships, La Gironde and La Volage, arrived discharging 30 persons for the Mezieres' concession.

In 1763 the settlement was given to Britain following the French and Indian War. At the close of the American Revolution in 1783, the land was passed to Spain. Seven years later, Spain secretly

ceded the area to Napoleon, but retained actual possession of the territory.

French and Spanish land grants opened the doors for development. Philip and John B. Saucier are recorded as the first residents of Bay St. Louis. Their land later passed to Marshall and Joseph Nicaise. The heart of the present City of Bay St. Louis was granted to Madame Charlo in 1781.

The most important Spanish land grant was given to Thomas Shields in 1790.

He began cultivating in 1800. This grant on the shore of Bay St. Louis was called Shieldsborough. On January 11, 1811, the flag of the United States was raised on the shores of Bay St. Louis, and in 1812, the area officially became part of the Mississippi Territory.

Hancock County was formed December 4, 1812, and named in honor of John

Hancock, president of the United States at the time.

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Continental Congress. Statehood came in 1817, as did the development of intense commerce in Hancock County.

While the outlying areas of Logtown, Gainesville and Kiln became "mill towns," processing the abundance of pine found in the area, Bay St. Louis developed as a favored "resort" of Natchez planters and New Orleans aristocrats.

The charter of incorporation was adopted by the legislature on April 21, 1818, making Shieldsborough the oldest established community on the Gulf Coast. The town became the county seat in 1860.

Public opinion demanded the name of the town be returned to Bay St. Louis, and the city of that name was incorporated by the legislature on February 24, 1882. Chicapoula, Shieldsborough, Bay St. Louis - the name may have changed, but the personality of the area has remained. People relax leisurely and make an art of enjoying life.

Waveland. "Land of Waves," was once part of Shieldsborough until March 1888 when it applied for a charter as a separate community.

Waveland has long been an established summer retreat and resort for visitors from New Orleans and Natchez. The permanent population came from the descendants of

the or final French and Spanish settlers.

The natural beauty of the town facing east and the waters of the Mississippi Sound plus the proximity of New Orleans made it an ideal place for children to grow up.

Kiln, named for immense kilns, where the original French settlers burned charcoal to sell, is located about 13 miles northwest of Bay St. Louis. The date of the settlement is not known for sure, but in 1870, Samuel L. Favre built a sawmill and operated it along with a general store.

In 1908, the W. W. Carre Lumber Company bought the mill site and moved all the old homes from the river bank. In their place one of the largest sawmills in the South was erected.

During Prohibition the territory around Kiln was known for its quality of whiskey as far north as Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Strange tales of giant stills hidden under sawdust piles and rumored connection of Kiln with Chicago's Capone Gang still afford interest.

Today

The Hancock County Board of Supervisors works closely with economic developers and planners in bringing about necessary changes and improvements to support growth and development.

The adoption of a compre-

hensive county zoning plan, as an example, has moved the county forward in being proactive in its growth.

Other accomplishments include:

- Adopted Comprehensive County Zoning Plan.

- Bayou Caddy Tidelands Marina Project (\$1,100,000). Being built almost totally with Tidelands funds from the state of Mississippi.

- ISTEBA Bike Path Project (\$1,265,000).

Hancock County, in conjunction with the city of Bay St. Louis and Waveland, was successful in landing this project for a nine-mile bike path built almost entirely with grant money.

- Built Hancock County School Superintendent's Office Building (\$185,000)

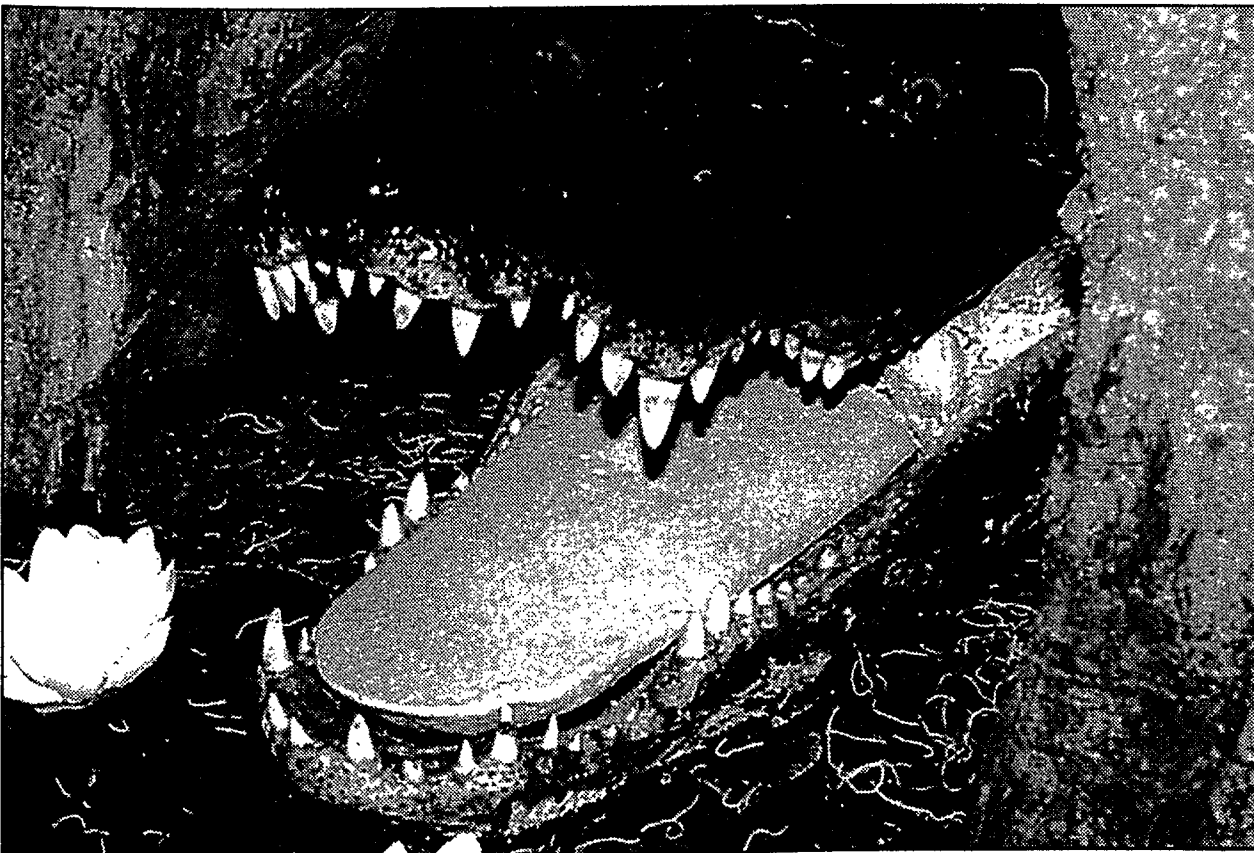
- Built Hancock County Court Annex Building (\$584,000). Bought and built to accommodate the Hancock County Justice Court and the Chancery Court system.

- Hancock County Multi-Purpose Building (\$1,100,000). Built almost entirely with grants from the State of Mississippi.

- Hancock County Kiln Library Project (\$1,292,000) was built with grant money as well as county millage and was opened Feb. 24, 2000.

- Pass Road Improvement Bond (\$6,000,000).

- Additional improvements made to parks and recreation facilities.



Our history has always been important in Hancock County. That's why its even a part of our future: The Swamp to Space Exhibit at Stennis Space Center, a tribute to the families who relocated to make way for construction of Stennis Space Center, along with a history of the center and information on the local environment and how it is being preserved.

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The picturesque Old City Hall building on Second St. in Bay St. Louis. Most of the city's business is now conducted from the new city hall building on Court St., but the old building still houses many city offices.

Bay St. Louis -- A Place Apart

Jean Baptiste Bienville originally named Bay St. Louis in August of 1699 after King Louis IX of France. The first European settlers, moving into the area later that year, enjoyed friendly relations with the Choctaws already living there. In 1721, a Madame de Mezieres sent some 30 people to the area of what is now Felicite Street to settle a 17,000 acre land grant she received from King Louis XIV.

After the French and Indian War, the Bay St. Louis settlement was given to England in 1763. Following the American Revolution, Spain was given the area in 1793.

Thomas Shields, who received a Spanish land grant on the shore of the bay almost a century after Bienville's landing, began cultivating in 1800, and his grant became known as Shieldsborough. The town was originally incorporated under that name in 1858. However, the town was again incorporated in 1875, this time as Bay St. Louis.

By that time, the town had been in the United States for 64 years, Hancock County for 63, and the state of Mississippi for 58 years. Bay St. Louis, at the time of incorporation under its present name, already had a good reputation as a resort town. The Civil War had but little effect on the town's existence.

Since Louisiana had outlawed dueling around 1870, Bay St. Louis became a popular site for New Orleansians, with quarrels to shoot it out. The town is also the location of Mississippi's last documented



Old Town is lined with small shops, boutiques, antique stores and galleries, all of which encourage you to get out of your car and walk.

duel, which occurred in April of 1874.

Bay St. Louis has, almost from its start, been a popular weekend and summer haunt for New Orleansians, dueling and non-dueling.

By the turn of the century, the town boasted several hotels and summer "cottages", as well as a health resort, an opera house and a vineyard. Even today, many visitors are from the neighboring state, as well as many transplanted residents.

Bay St. Louis was the site of the first Hancock bank, founded in 1899 as Hancock County Bank, and the location of one of the coast's oldest newspapers, The Sea Coast

Echo, established in 1891. Since its beginning, the Echo has missed publishing only two issues. The Bay also can claim the coast's first seawall.

The city is now in the midst of a period of almost unparalleled growth.

Over the past year, at least one new business per month has opened its doors to customers; real estate development has stepped up exponentially; and the Bay St. Louis City Council has begun and completed several long-term projects to increase tourism, attract new industry... and substantially improve the lives of the city's residents.

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Waveland: The Hospitality City

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

The City of Waveland was once described by a 19th Century railroad travel writer as being a "great circle of friends." Originally part of Shieldsborough (now Bay St. Louis), the city received its own charter in 1888, under which it operates today.

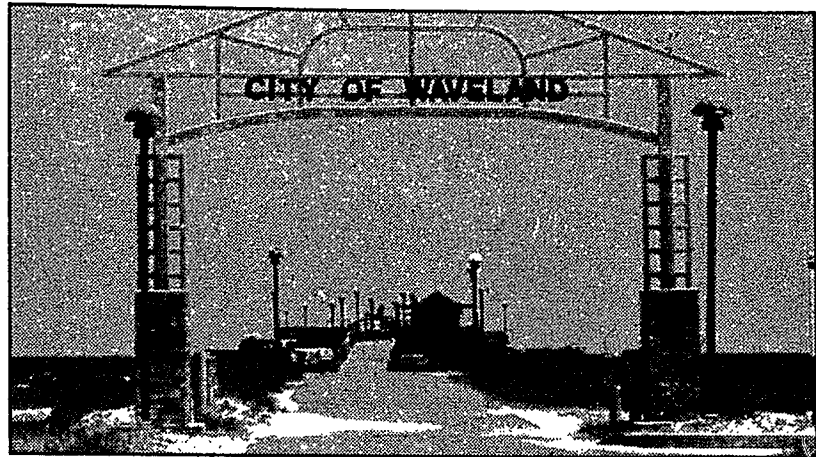
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Today, the city feels the strength of growth and community development. New businesses are opening and economic and community developers are seeing an increase of interest and attraction to the city.

The current population of 5,369 is expected to increase as industries and agencies such as NASA, Naval Oceanographic offices, the Navy SEALS, GE Plastics, Wellman, Bay Tech, and Con-Tech expand and locate.

City offices are located on Coleman Avenue in a 90-year old building originally constructed as the Waveland School.

The year 2000 was a busy one for the city. Bids were opened for the next phase of Garfield Ladner Memorial Pier, which should begin sometime this Spring. Work



Waveland's Garfield Ladner Pier is open year-round.

began at the pier on a new walking path that will stretch to Washington Ave.

The state chose a local architect, Allison Anderson, to begin work on the old Waveland School renovation on Coleman Avenue. A kickoff celebration was held on Veterans Day, after the parade, with preliminary plans on display and Allison on hand to answer questions. The library provided a scanner for people who wished to share memorabilia with the community.

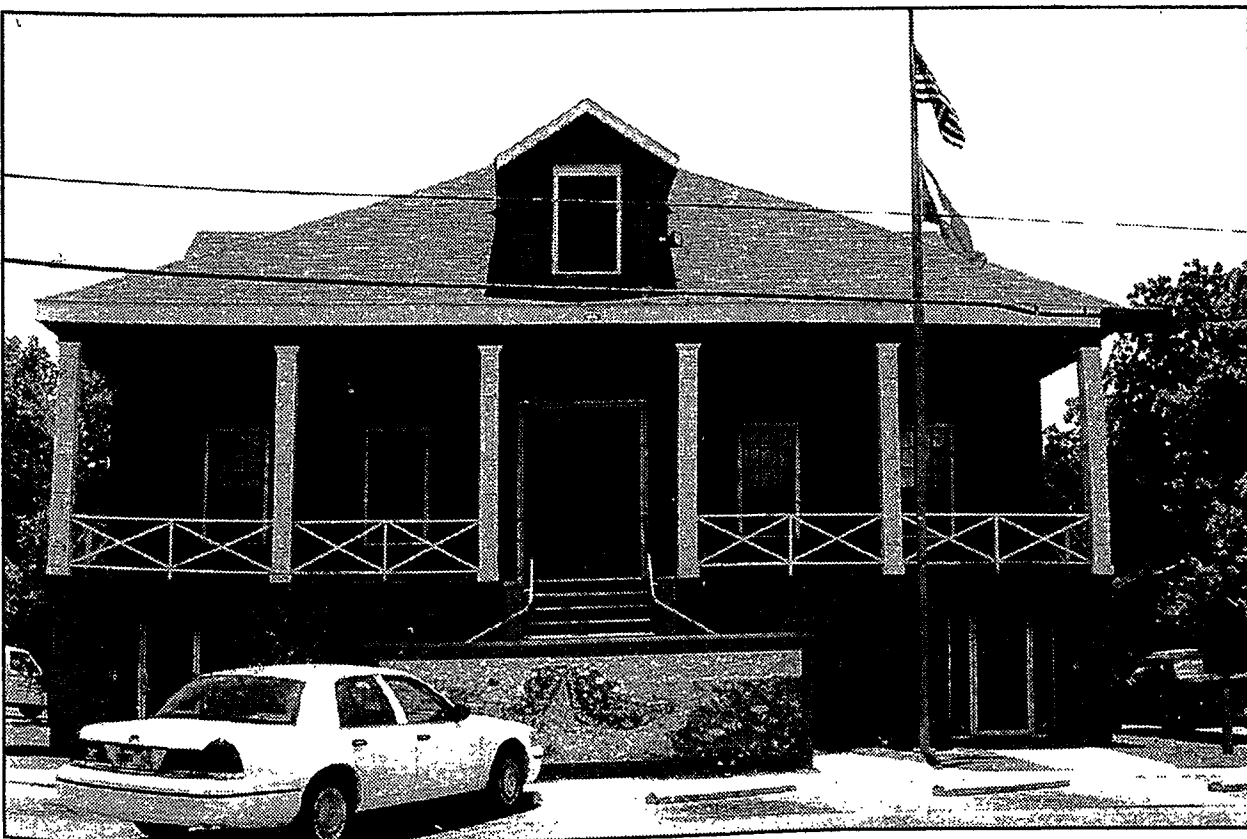
The city, in conjunction with the Hancock County Library Board, received the Mississippi Municipal Leagues Award of Excellence for the literacy program at the Coleman Ave. branch, at a presentation luncheon at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum during the statewide convention.

Business picked up in the city with four new businesses

on Coleman Ave, including two antique shops, a bar/restaurant and antique shop/coffee/lunch spot combination. Also welcomed into the community were 84 Lumber, DeRussy Motors, Orgerons Family Restaurant and a new Chinese Restaurant on Hwy. 90. A deal was also signed for a new Super Wal-mart to be built in the city.

Many new housing starts began with two developers beginning new subdivisions and one winning preliminary plat approval.

As usual, the city saw its share of fun with total upgrades in lighting at the little league park resulting in the league having the chance to host the first district tournament in many years on its newly groomed fields. The recently renovated park on Coleman Avenue was dedicated to Lucien Gex, longtime city attorney.



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Community numbers are listed below, as a guide.

Specific questions about Hancock county car tags and voter registration are also listed:

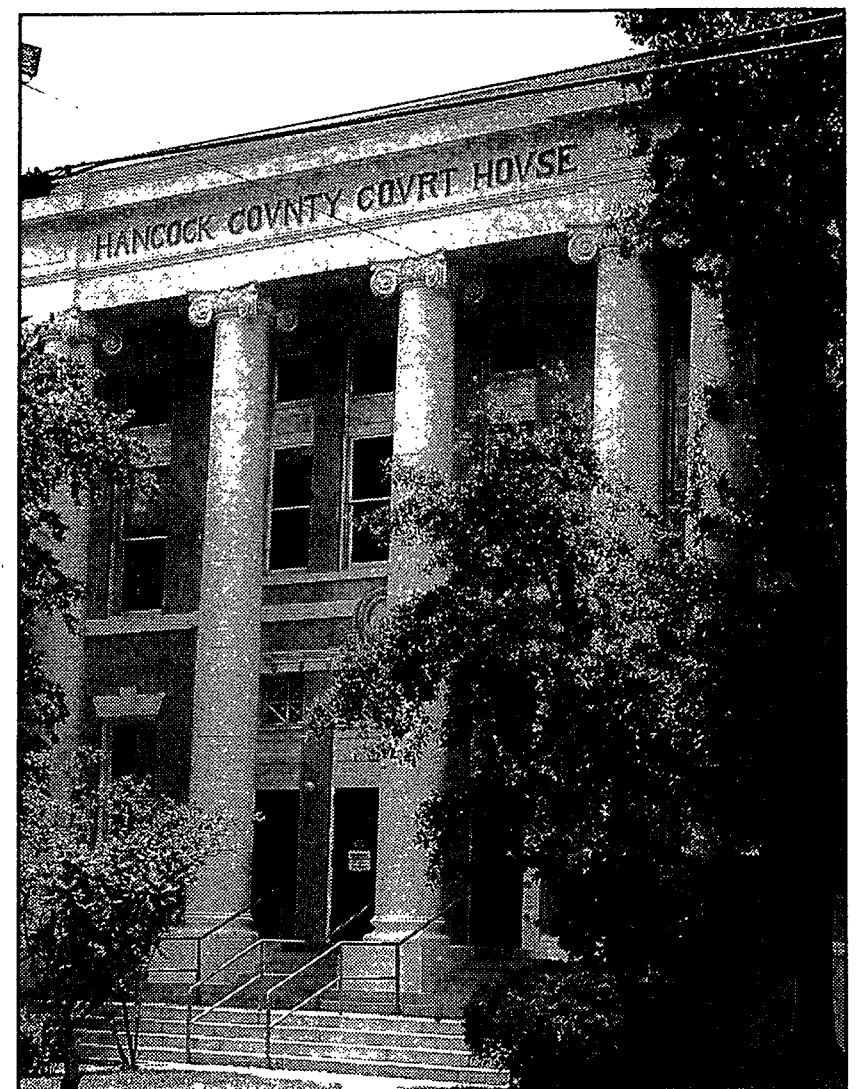
Driver's Licenses

New residents must apply for a Mississippi driver's license within 60 days after establishing residence in Mississippi. A person with a valid out-of-state driver's license will not have to take a road test but must take a written test and an eye exam. First time drivers must also take a driving test in addition to the written and eye exams.

The Bay St. Louis office of the Mississippi Department of Public Safety, located at 1007 Kiln-Waveland Cutoff Road, is open Mondays and Tuesdays only. The phone number is 467-0346.

Tags/Registration

Mississippi licenses tags must be purchased within 30 days after establishing residency. Tags can be purchased at the Hancock County Tax Collectors office, in the Annex Building on Main Street across from the Courthouse. Call for information on what you will need to bring with you to get your tags.



The historic Hancock County Courthouse, which will undergo some major renovations later this year to make it readily-available for the physically-challenged.

In Hancock County, call 467-1669 or 467-4425.

Voter Registration

To vote in city and county state or federal elections, you must be a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years of age on or before the election, mentally sound and not convicted of a felony.

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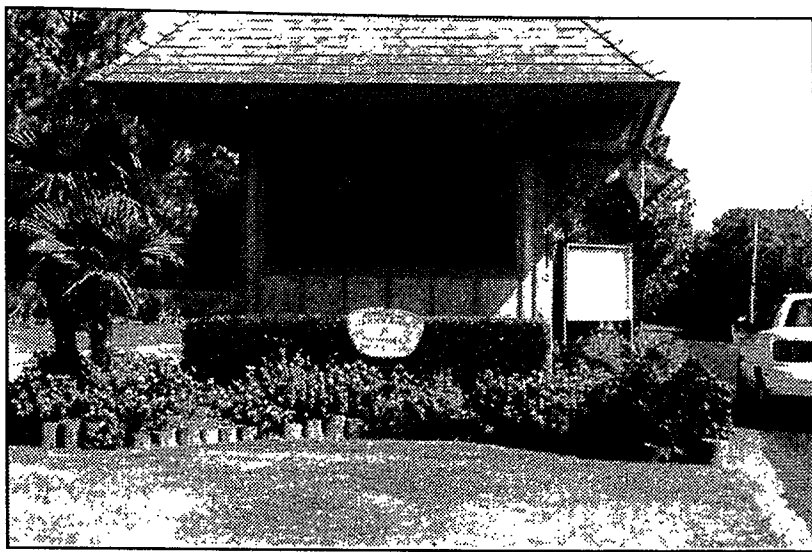
Diamondhead is a truly unique community.

Location, elevation and size make it a very special place on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Diamondhead enjoys a climate in which the sun shines brightly on average over 300 days a year, and has an average daily temperature of 68 degrees.

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The town has a population of approximately 5,800 people and is the fastest-growing community in Southern Mississippi. New housing starts have averaged about 175 new homes per year for the past three years. Restrictive covenants protect the community's integrity, and it is home to young families as well as retirees. The backgrounds of its residents are as diverse as anywhere in



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The Diamondhead Airport offers a 3,500 foot lighted runway for private planes. Facilities for young people include three ball fields. Youth organizations such as Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts are active there.

Diamondhead is a private

community. All of its facilities and amenities are owned by, and are for the use of, the property owners and their guests. Each property owner pays \$35 per month for each parcel owned to defer the cost of operation of the association. The dues entitle the owners to reduced fees at the clubs and recreational facilities.

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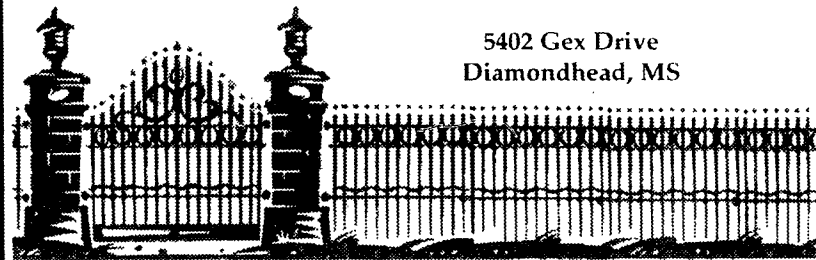
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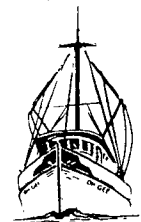
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Magic

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an existing 201-room hotel, a 100-site RV park, a marina and a 22,000 square foot entertainment facility. It is the only Gulf Coast casino with an on-site championship golf course.

Penn National also owns and operates the Boomtown Casino in Biloxi, as well as three racetracks and eleven

off-track wagering (OTW) facilities located in Pennsylvania (two tracks and eleven OTWs) and West Virginia (one track).

Penn National intends (subject to certain conditions) to complete its previously announced acquisition of CRC Holdings, Inc. and the minority interest in Louisiana

Casino Cruises, Inc. (LCCI) not owned by CRC. LCCI owns and operates the Casino Rouge, a riverboat gaming facility in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and CRC has a management contract for Casino Rama located in Canada on the Chippewas of Mnjikaning First Nation land.

Phoenix

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the roadway.

Initial estimates are the new gambling resort planned by Phoenix Leisure would create about 900 jobs and bring in an annual \$2 million in tax revenues into Hancock

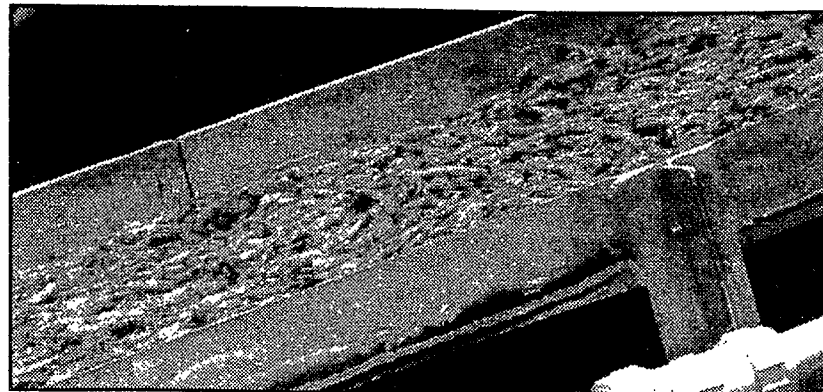
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Nelson said the construction process would start within 60 to 90 days, and the gambling operations could be up and running within 12 to 18 months.

Phoenix Leisure is an emerging developer and operator of niche opportunities in the gaming, hospitality and

entertainment industry. It currently owns the Wyoming Downs horse racetrack in Evanstown, Wyoming and four off-track simulcasting facilities.

Nelson previously developed dockside gaming facilities in Greenville and in Tunica.



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Schools

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ers allow for access to the internet for research projects, computer assisted instruction and multi-media presentations. The academic program at Bay High School includes advanced placement courses in English, history and calculus, as well as accelerated courses in other academic domains. Bay High School engages in a vocational consortium with Hancock County School District and offers occupational training programs at the Hancock County Vocational Technical Center. The Technology Preparation initiative at Bay High affords students the opportunity to enroll in discovery courses in career exploration, computer exploration and technology exploration. The Tech Prep initiative provides students with a curriculum that is rich in communication skills as well as academic skills.

In addition to the fine public schools, Hancock County offers an outstanding selection of private and parochial schools. Bay St. Louis is home to the Coast Episcopal Day School for grades kindergarten-through-sixth; Our Lady Academy, an all-girls school for grades seven through twelve; and St. Stanislaus College Preparatory, an all boys school for grades six through twelve. St. Clare Catholic Elementary at Waveland is a fully-accredited Catholic school for boys and girls. Classes are geared for a maximum of 30 students each and offer drama, student council, precision groups, counseling services and music as extracurricular activities.

A number of higher education facilities also serve the area. NASA's John C. Stennis Space Center is home of the

Center for Higher Learning which offers a number of bachelor degree program, as well as advanced programs through the cooperative efforts of the University of Southern Mississippi, Mississippi State University, Pearl River Community College and the University of New Orleans.

The two public school districts have also joined with Hancock County and the cities of Waveland and Bay St. Louis to offer an extensive adult community education program. With input from the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce and the Tourism Development Bureau, the program offers a 10-week course in tourism, lodging and restaurant management which is designed to prepare graduates for entry-level jobs or more advanced training in the industry.

Recreation

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cantile store, employing about 500 people.

Following his death in 1931, operation of the old store was continued on a limited basis by Aunt Gin, until her death in 1973 at the age of 95.

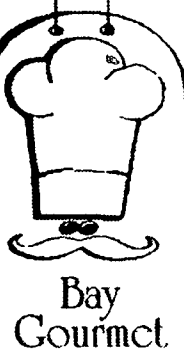
Albert McLeod also was a member of the county board of supervisors and a member of the original

commission appointed to build the Hancock County seawall.


The property itself is within the National Aeronautics and Space Administration buffer zone surrounding John C. Stennis Space Center.

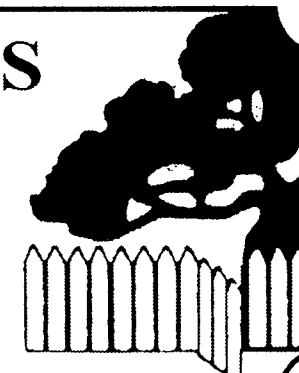
The Pearl River Basin Development District accepted the park's deed with the obligation to


condition development of park facilities. McLeod offers 70 camping sites. Forty-one of those sites have water and electrical hook ups. There are no sewer hook-up facilities. The park has two pavilion areas with picnic tables and grills, a baseball field and boat launch. Canoes and paddle boats are available for daily rental.



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And when the Stennis Visitors Center reopens this spring, patrons will have the opportunity to learn about the history of the facility

through the "Swamp to Space" exhibit, which was designed to tell the story of and pays tribute to the families who moved their homes to make way for the space age in Mississippi. The names of the 2,202 family members who moved are listed on the exhibit. Also included is a video history of the five communities in existence before the creation of Stennis -- Gainesville, Logtown, Napoleon, Santa Rosa and Westonia.

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rants ever assembled.

Casino Magic

Casino Magic is located 45 minutes from Casino Magic in Biloxi and only 50 miles from New Orleans. The complex sits on 530 acres on the back bay of the Bay of St. Louis. It is the Mississippi Gulf Coast's premier casino and golf resort.

The 125,000-square-foot casino has more than 1,100 slots and more than 50 gaming tables.

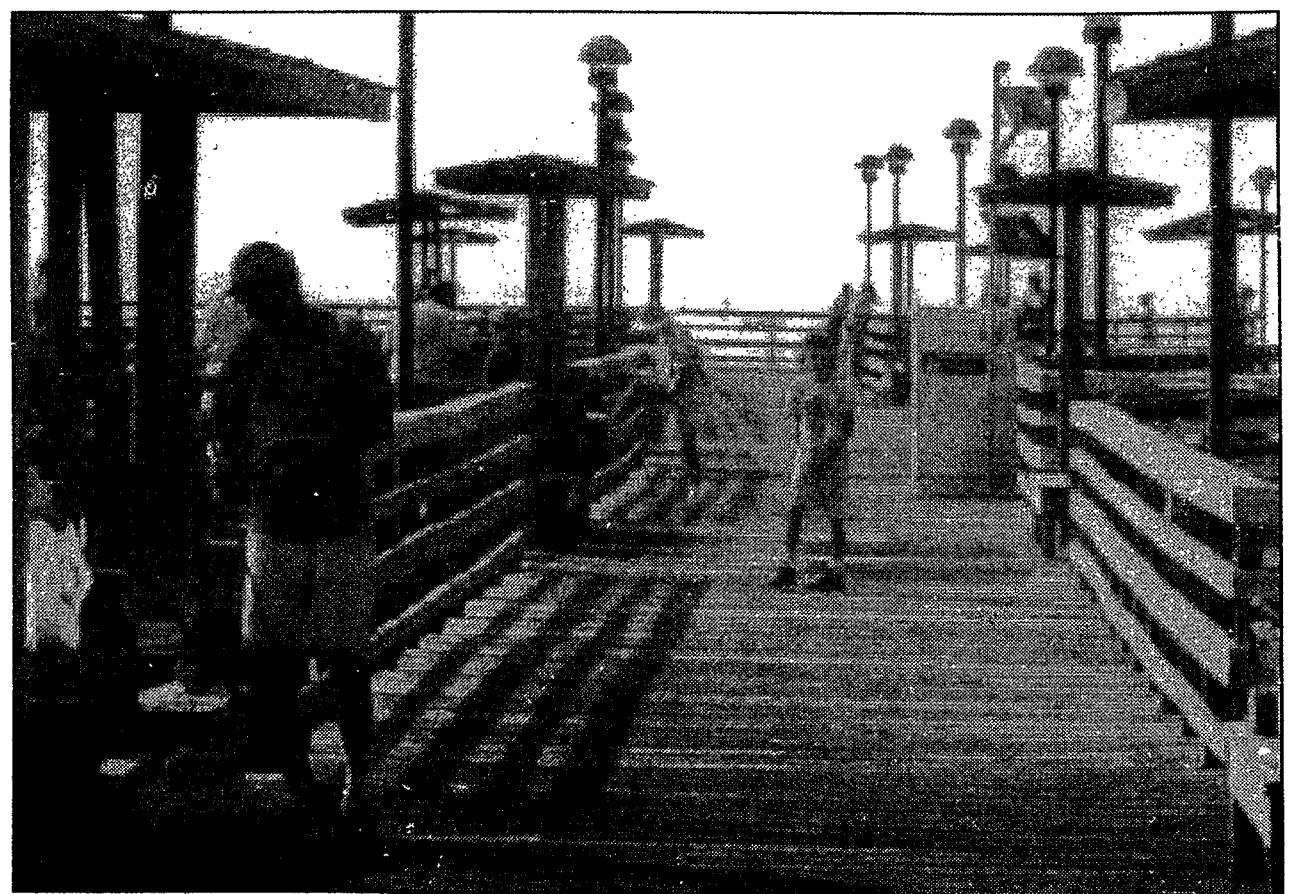
When dining at the Magic in Bay St. Louis choose mouth-watering steaks and seafood dishes from the Amazing Randolph's Restaurant or try Abracadabra's Buffet.

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Casino Magic Hotel, rated triple diamond by AAA, offers 200 rooms and a 1,500-square-foot conference facility.

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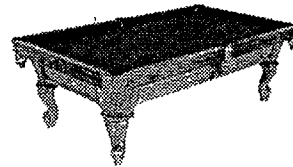
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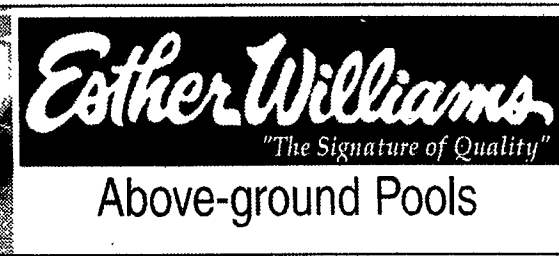
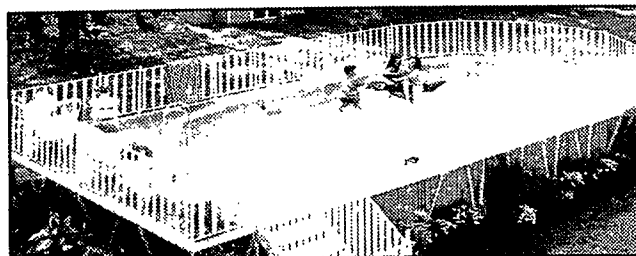
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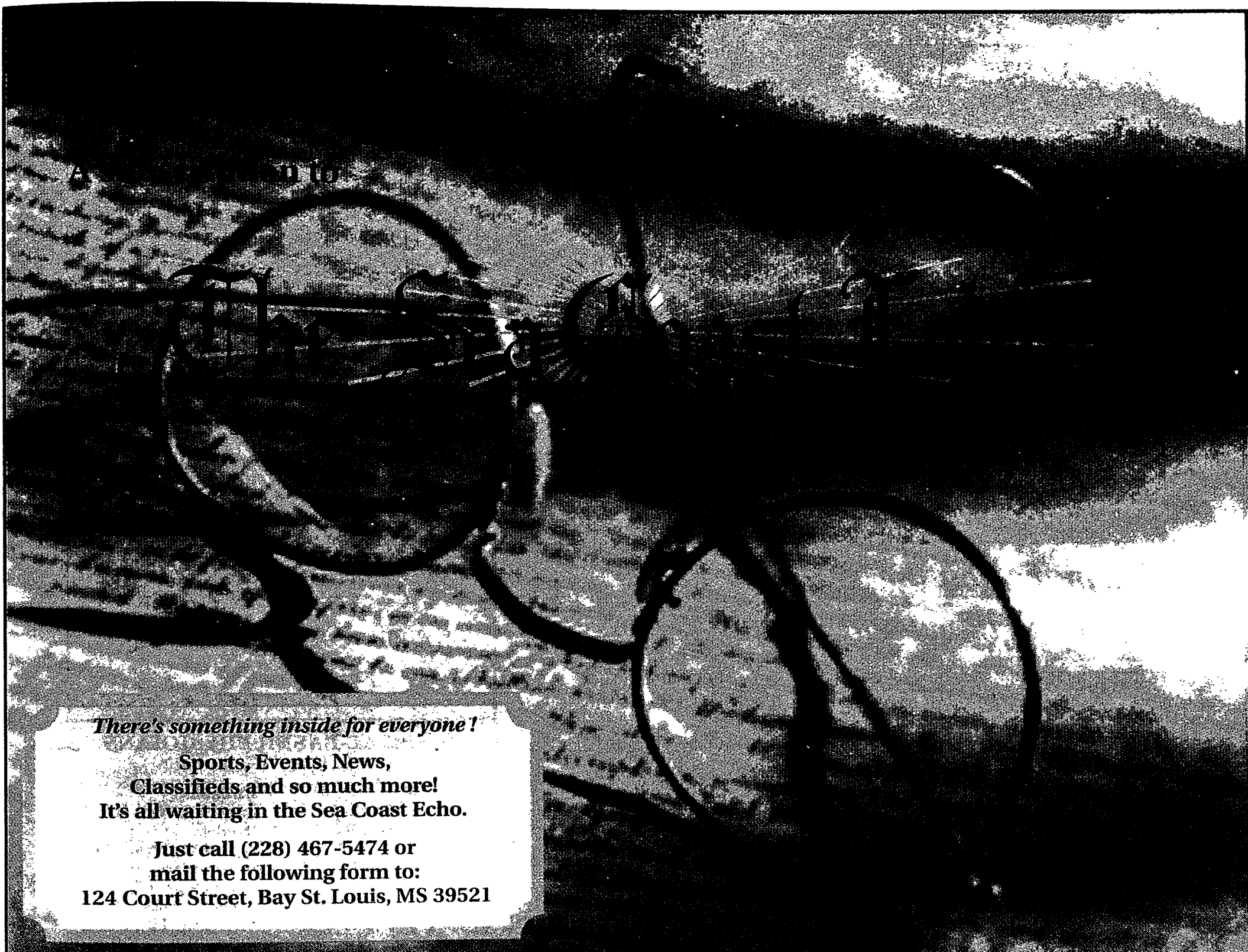
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